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**A**s I sit here writing my opening piece for the August magazine, Summer seems to have finally arrived! After some 'hit and miss' conditions over the last few weeks, the sunshine is here! Despite the indifferent weather prior to the 'heatwave' our weather has been remarkably dry! I hope I haven't put a curse on the sunshine!



'Sunrise' courtesy of Dave Little

The dry weather has enabled the farming community to cut the grass for hay making which is vital for feeding over wintering livestock. With the cost of feed going through the roof, a stock of the home grown feed will be a welcome relief. However, there are many crops which will be needing some water so let's hope we get some gentle rain, preferably overnight and not in one huge thunderstorm! Fishery owners that I have been talking to are desperate for some water to refresh and top up their lakes. One fishery is seeing levels in lakes down by 18". Mother Nature generally makes things right so fingers crossed she sees us alright in the weeks to come. If you are fishing and notice any distressed fish please let the bailiff know immediately.

Despite the dry and warm conditions catches have remained very good with some nice fish reported. Ray Harris, who had that magnificent brace of rudd recently, was in touch to tell me about his nephew Dave Clark who had a monster rudd of 5lbs 4ozs! Dave's fish would have smashed the current record of 4lbs 10ozs, however Dave is not making a claim. His story and photos are featured in the magazine!

If you follow the magazine's Facebook page on a regular basis, you may have seen some wonderful videos sent to us by Alex Coutts. Alex visits local venues, commercial and private, and fishes very simply with his centre pin and float. Alex's approach to angling is so refreshing and many anglers have told me that they have adapted their previous approach after seeing Alex's success with some amazing results. Do check out Alex's videos when you get a chance!

The 'cost of living crisis' is currently affecting us all and there does not appear to be a quick fix as many of the factors causing it are international and beyond our control. However, I would ask that, more than ever, you support your local tackle shop! The coming months are going to be tough and your support is absolutely vital. Many tackle shops will do their utmost to 'price match' big ticket items so do ask them if you are considering making some purchases in the near future. We have lost a number of tackle shops in the past few years and we really don't want to lose any more of these vital 'angling hubs'!

Keep on sending me your catch reports and news by email or via a message to the Facebook page. I always endeavour to feature as many as possible every month depending on page space being available.

*Enjoy your fishing! Barry Reed*

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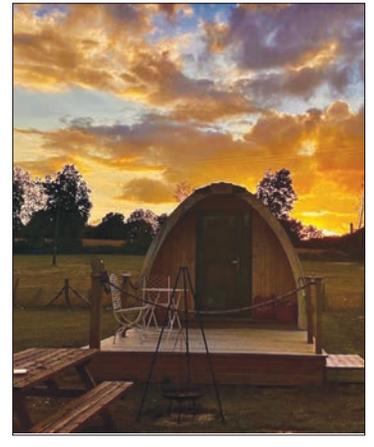
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Charlie Young - 21lbs Old Lake



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Graham Beadle - 26lbs 8ozs Old Lake



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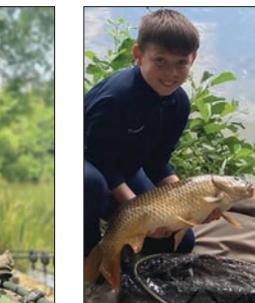


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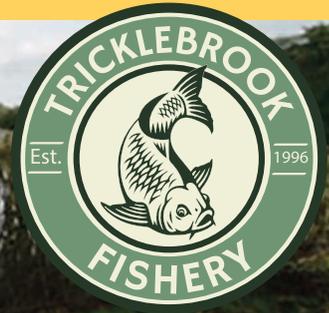


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## Beaver Fishery Lingfield, Surrey

As of writing this report we have been in the middle of a very hot and dry spell and are facing an unprecedented weather forecast of extreme heat over the next few days. We have seen the water levels drop on some of the lakes and we are monitoring this and conducting regular oxygen level tests to ensure the fishes wellbeing. If at any stage we need to close a lake or pond we will notify all anglers via our Facebook page.

Unfortunately there isn't enough room for all the captures, so the following is some of the highlights, firsts and PBs that have been reported to us over the past month. Well done and good angling to the following:

**Snipe Lake** **Steven Gallagher** continues his good form banking 3 carp to 24lbs 8ozs, **Phil Clegg** banked 4 more carp to 28lbs 8ozs, **Danny Neale** banked a **PB** grassie at 18lbs, **Jamie Smith** banked his first ever Snipe Lake carp at 19lbs 10ozs, **George Gibbs** banked 3 to a **PB** of 26-14ozs, **Raymond Box** banked a Beaver **PB** at 28lbs 4ozs, **Scott Harvey** banked a birthday carp at 17lbs 10ozs, **Alex Paddon** banked his first Snipe Lake carp at 14lbs 2ozs while **Mike Edmonds** banked 2 commons at 30lbs 2ozs and 32lbs.

**Westlake** **Peter Mew** banked 14 cats to 32lbs, **Martin Smith** had 9 cats to 31lbs 8ozs then on another session banked 18 to 51lbs 8ozs, **Alex Hope** had a cat of 60lbs, **Nathan Thomas** had a 47 then a **PB** cat at 48lbs, **Dave Edmeades** had 3 cats to a new **PB** of 62lbs 4ozs, **Jacob Bacon** had a UK **PB** of 59lbs, **Graham Jewiss** banked a couple up to 50lbs and **Mark Slade** banked 17 cats to 50lbs 3ozs.



Martin Smith - 51lbs 8ozs



Graham Jewiss - 50lbs



Barry Spencer - 20lbs 8ozs



Danny Neale - 18lbs PB



George Gibbs - 26lbs 14ozs PB



Jamie Smith - 19lbs 10ozs



Phil Clegg - 28lbs 8ozs



Steven Gallagher - 24lbs 8ozs

**Daughters Lake** **Bradley Skinner** banked a common of 17lbs 3ozs, **Craig Clayton** had a grassie of 14lbs as did **George Whitworth**, **Tommy Roach** had a couple of mirrors to 15lbs 5ozs, **Sonny Colborne** kept his run going with a belter of a mirror at 14lbs 8ozs, **Tom Fedzcuk** had a 12lbs grassie and a 14lbs mirror, **George Jerray-Silver** had a **PB** of 14lbs 1oz, **Ricky B** banked a 13lbs common, **Bart Gre** continued his good form and banked a 14lbs common while **Claire Owen** banked a mirror of 11lbs 14ozs on her first overnighter in a bivvy!



Bart Gre - 14lbs



Sonny Colborne - 14lbs 8ozs

**Majors Lake** has mainly been about the Bream again this month with plenty banked to over 8lbs. **Terry Edwards** banked 4 bream, 1 tench, 3 mirrors to low doubles and a 14lbs 2ozs ghost common, **Husband** and **wife Sabby** and **Nora** banked 11 bream, two tench and a 11lbs 3ozs common, **Dave Horsley** set out for the bream and banked 21 to 7lbs on a couple of visits, **Bob Luton** banked an 11lbs common and a 18lbs mirror, **Bar Gre** had a go on Majors and banked 2 low double mirrors while his mate **Lewis Herbert** banked 2 to 14lbs, **Richard Hoy** banked 20 bream to 6lbs while **Peter Mew** banked an 11lbs 2ozs Fully, a couple of tench to a new **PB** of 6lbs 2ozs, a 6lbs common and 15 bream to a new **PB** of 8lbs 4ozs.

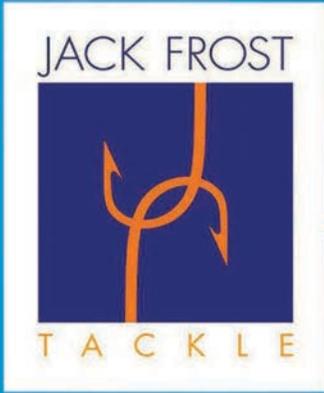
**Moat Pond** has fished fairly consistently throughout the last month, with most anglers having a good day of Carp and mixed species. A typical example is young **Bradley Gore** banking 10 carp to 12lbs.

**Eden Pond** Although this little pond has been fishing hard in the warmer days, there have been a few tench and some silvers out. **John Howe** had a great day when he banked 14 tench, 5 bream, 3 F1s and a few silvers.

**Maze Lake** Maze, like Majors, has been about the Bream over the last month with plenty of anglers bagging a few up to 5lbs+, along with small Carp, F1s, odd Tench and Silvers. **Jason Hills** had a good few hours when he banked 21 bream and 5 F1s.

**Jeff's Lake** Even though Jeff's is heavily fished throughout each week it still regularly produces multiple catches. F1s being the main fish banked, with bream, small carp and tench also making an appearance. Method feeder and pellet is the main tactic which often produces the best results. A special shout out to **Callum Hutchins** who managed to bank 92, **yes 92 F1s!** He worked his swim superbly and the results showed it.

PLEASE NOTE: To fish Snipe Lake, Westlake (formerly Tuscany Lake) or Daughters Lake there are certain tackle requirements in force, please call or look on our website at beaverfarmfishery.co.uk. Remember to send any catches from any of our lakes and ponds via WhatsApp on 07710656041.



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**Lake Amy** Regulars **JD, Matt** and **Mark** have been at it again with Ms Brown also showing her face again. Mark has also managed to find a fish with a few coming out in the baking heat, by fishing in the margins.

**Lake Sophie** Bream still showing late afternoon along with the tench down the middle of the lake. For Carp try the far side. Worm, corn and meat all working.

**Lake Eva** Corn and pellet in the morning and try dog biscuit or bread in the afternoon. Small pop ups or a zig worth a try as well. Well done **Roger** on your new 21lbs **PB**

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## Letter to the editor



### Robin Piper posted this letter telling us about his latest trip to Claygate Lakes:

Dear Barry, The forecast was for clear skies and a light breeze, but a thunderstorm was

predicted for later in the day so a short session at Claygate Lakes was on the cards. I set up on peg 27 on Lake Eva with my usual tackle for ledger fishing. I fished tight to the reeds on the far bank where Dave, the owner had suggested and within fifteen minutes the tip went round. A nice carp of around 4lbs was soon in the net. However, the next hour or so saw the tip sitting motionless so I thought about using a surface bait and fed some loose bits to gauge interest. The carp immediately responded and were soon feeding confidently off the top and a run of fish of 4/5lbs soon followed. By this time the wind had begun to pick up and the thunderstorm arrived so I took shelter for half an hour. Once the storm had passed I was pleased that the fish were still showing on the surface and went on to catch some more and ended the day with a good net of fish to just under 6lbs. A very pleasing day's fishing! Dave has put up a board with the fishery's catch photos so anglers can see what has been caught from the different lakes on site. **Regards, Robin**



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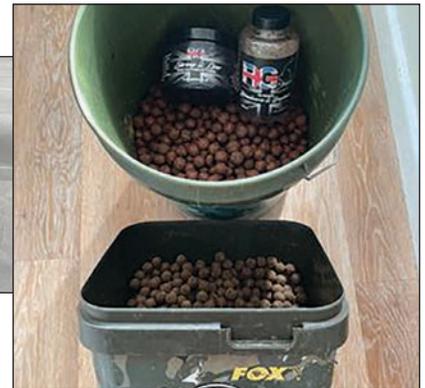


A proud Dom Cole sent in this report:

"I'd never been to this particular venue near New Romney before the match, let alone fished it. I came out third in the draw and secured my second choice swim which was a good start. The swim was fishing to a margin where a new South Westerly was hammering in. I knew they would be there at some point over the trip, and I was right!"



I was in second place up until the final day where I did overtake the leader, but that was short lived and I found myself back in second with a few hours to go! Landing two in short succession I found myself back in the lead with a 10lbs margin. It turned out to be enough! I ended the match with a winning weight of 89lbs 14ozs.



Massive thanks to RG Baits for supplying the goods once again! Formula Red + Plum and Formula + Arctic Crab, with match the hatch wafers on multi combi rigs on the business end"

Dom Cole

## Another huge rudd from MKF water!

Ray Harris, who featured on the front cover of the May magazine with that beautiful brace of rudd, has been in touch with me: "Hi Barry, You may remember the rudd I caught from a Mid Kent fisheries lake? Well, my nephew fished it recently and landed a rudd of 5lbs 4ozs 2 drams!!! His name is Dave Clark (Goose). Unfortunately, he was fishing for carp and doesn't want to claim the record."  
 Regards Ray



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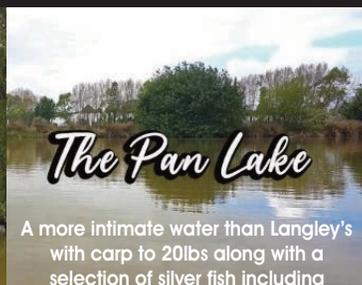
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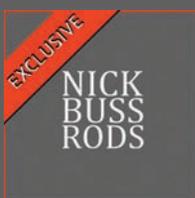
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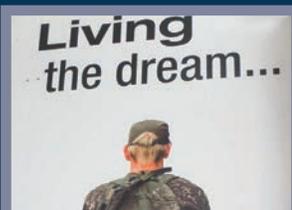


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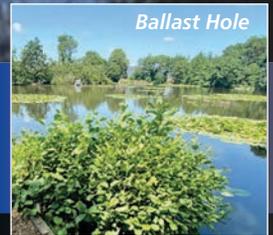
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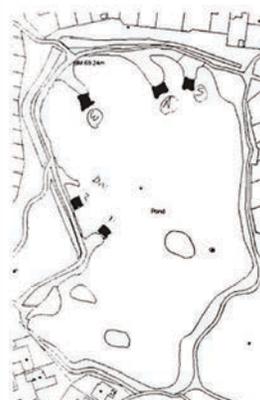
**IFIELD MILL POND** - is situated in the Gossops Green area of Crawley. The lake is for CAS members only. It is ten acres in size and contains Roach, Rudd, Carp, Bream, Tench, Gudgeon, Pike and Perch. This venue has recently undergone a huge dredging and de-silting operation so is still settling down to its former glory. There are plans for swim refurbishment and rebuilding in the near future with a maximum of 19 swims allocated. Fishing is only allowed from designated swims. Night fishing is allowed, but anglers must respect the residents who live close by and keep noise and disturbance to an absolute minimum. This is the only CAS venue where three rods are permitted.



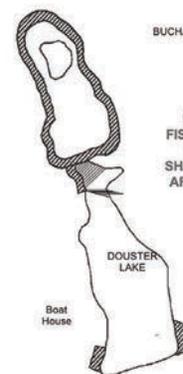
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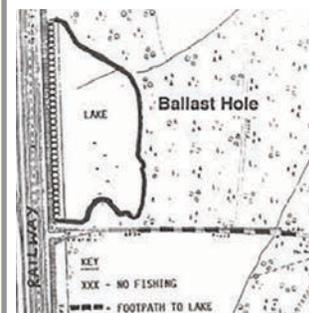
**BUCHAN LAKE** - Situated on the Horsham side of Crawley, this beautiful water is 5 acres with 35 swims. Species available include



Roach 1lb, Rudd ¾lb, Perch 3lbs+, Bream 8lbs+, Sun-fish, Carp 30lbs+, Pike 20lbs+, Tench 2lbs+, Crucian Carp 2lbs+. Night fishing is available. A number of local rules are in place on this fishery and full details are available at:

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It is not just our rivers that desperately need fresh water and associated oxygen, but many of our stillwaters are also suffering. Some fisheries have taken the sensible precaution of closing some waters to safeguard their fish stocks due to low water levels.

David Coomber took this rather sorry photo (right) of Falmer pond a few days ago. Quite a contrast to one he took last Autumn!



To further demonstrate the very dry conditions, Janet Reilly took this photo (left) of the famous Dew Pond at Ditchling which has all but dried out completely!

While we are enduring some very hot dry days they have given rise to some amazing 'technicolour' sunrises and sunsets as demonstrated in this photo taken by Karen Lee of a sunset over a field near Charing.



**Work and pleasure do mix!**



**Kristy Knowlden, a Tonbridge & District Angling Society bailiff, sent in this report:** "Hello Barry, We had a very productive bailiff 'work party social'! Six turned out for the event and we completed a lot of much needed snag and branch removal, as well as fronting up the entry point to the Ballast Pit. The 'Beach swim' is open and trees are clear of lines and the lake is back ready to see fisherman again, even the Club gates are looking very nice. Everyone that attended fished and landed some of the Ballast Pit's lovely carp. We also got a glimpse of the 'clover common' all spawned out at 27lbs, more people lose this fish than land it so good to see it still around!" **Regards Kristy**



**THAMES MEMORIES by Warren White**



"A place that is a magnet to me is the Isle of Grain, Medway. To be honest, I started going there because my cross Whippet dog is a bit reactive with other dogs and over the years my wife and I have discovered some wonderful walks, the bonus being we can let our Whippet off the lead without another dog being in sight. This area is a haven for nature with an industrial backdrop, but for me it's a thing of beauty. On a recent walk along Colemouth creek, sitting down having a rest from our dog walk, I noticed a couple of Oystercatchers patrolling up and down on the mud flats, making their distinctive shriek. It was low tide and with a little bit of ebb tide left, these birds were purposely waiting for the tide to drop a bit more in the hope of finding a tasty morsel that would show itself. Clever birds!



It took me back to a time when I worked on the river. The tug I was on, a Pusher tug called the Broodbank, was going to pick up a barge (hopper) that was being used for a dredging operation on the Thames. Myself and another hand had been put on the barge to make fast to the tug and let it go from its mooring when suddenly an Oystercatcher flew towards us making an almighty loud noise! These birds are known to be fiercely territorial. We discovered later, when we went to let go of one of the mooring ropes on the barge, that in the coil of rope was a female Oystercatcher sitting on her eggs!

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I decided to continue with the previous plans and go to Monk Lakes, a fishery near Staplehurst in Kent. I normally fish Monk Lakes in the winter to get a couple of bites and break up the gloom of the winter months. I arrived bright and early on the Friday morning waiting for the gate to open and being first in line should give me some options before it became too busy. After having a quick drive round, I found two guys packing up on Puma lake so I asked them what they had caught, and they said they had been plagued by tench with only the odd carp to show for their 48 hours.

I liked the look of the swim as there were two islands, pads and a large area of open water to fish, making it hard for any anglers turning up later to encroach on my water, so I decided to wait for the guys to leave and jump in behind them. While I waited I started seeing small signs of carp by the long island. Once the previous anglers had vacated the swim, I was in like a whippet, rods all set up and cast out and within five minutes I had carp number one on the bank.



Now I am not your average angler, I have fished my whole life and been taught by my father who is a great angler and carp fished through the 70/80's in the Darent valley. Nor am I a boilie angler as such as I feel so much more confident with a nut or such like on the hook. In this case nuts are not allowed and only particle supplied by the fishery can be used so boilies it was. I opted to go for the CC Moore pacific tuna, I like the smell and the consistency, and having had some success on a small water where I take my daughter, they seemed a great place to start. During this session I used these with just the pacific tuna stick mix pellet and bait booster, I cast the dumbbells and sticks tight to the island at around 23 wraps and all was quiet. I continued to see fish show short of the island so decided to drop short and that was where it all started. After a few fish I decided to spomb some bait which was a mix of the pellet, boilies and dumbbells in a range of sizes and some were crushed with added bait booster and a couple tins of tuna.



By the end of day one I had landed 12 fish and lost 5 with a few bream thrown in for good measure. The night was short, but wet and windy and I had no fish through the night at all. First light came and the rods were rebaited and back on the spots. From this point it was carnage and by 3 pm I had 31 carp and dropped 9. At this point I was debating leaving, lets face it how many carp do we really need to catch? This is when a bailiff informed me that the best he had heard of was 37 fish in 72 hours. Now that got me going, I was all revved up and ready to go again continued to build the swim with a bit more bait then a bit more after every few fish, and sure enough the bites continued to come with a nice 21lber passing the cord, I was buzzing!

By 10pm I had banked 38 carp, so I had beaten the 37 and in half the time, ie 36hrs. With night was upon me, I decided to drop even shorter at 14 wraps, as the fish seemed to drop into the open water the night before and by doing this I managed two fish through the night leaving my waking total at 40 fish. I thought that 48 fish in 48 hours would be a major achievement, but with a few losses I managed 44 carp, so for my effort I had 17 carp under 10lbs, 11 between 10 and 15lbs, 15 between 15 and 20lbs and one over 20lbs, not forgetting I had now lost 12 fish, making my total 56 bites in 48hrs and not forgetting the 9 bream too!

Although this was fun and quite an achievement, it's not for the faint hearted, it was hard work and dedication that caught me the fish. I was not sat waiting, I was working, watching and reacting accordingly and I ached like hell for it! So whatever and wherever you fish, good luck and tight lines!" **Warren Tibbs**

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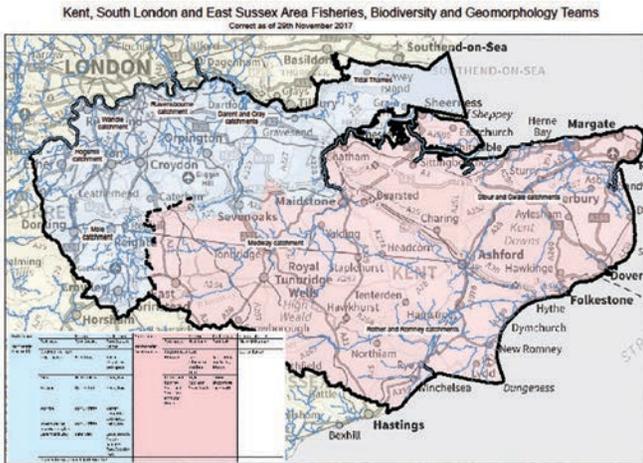


# Environment Agency

## SUMMER UPDATE

**A big hello from the KSL Fisheries Team! Following on from our popular Spring update in the May issue, here is our Summer update especially for Freshwater Informer readers!**

**Who are we and what have we been up to?**



**We are a small team of eight fisheries officers and two technical specialists covering the whole of Kent, South London and East Sussex!**

Our work is varied and includes fisheries enforcement on matters such as illegal fishing, fish movements and rod licence checks. We also deal with incident responses, fishery management work, planning consent applications, fish surveys and stocking. We are solely funded by rod licence funds and all the services we offer are free for all angling clubs and organisations. Please visit our Facebook page (Environment Agency – Kent & South London Fisheries Team) to see regular updates of what we have been up to and how we can help.

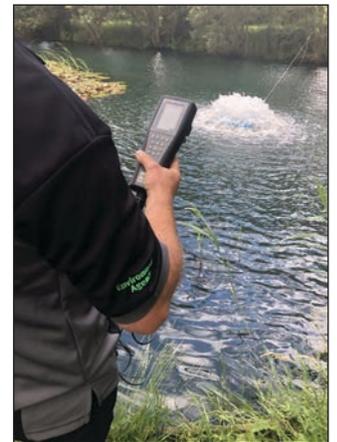
### Incident Response

This is a service we carry out all year round. If you are ever in the situation where your fish stocks need help, please call us on 0800 807060, we have a fishery officer on duty 24/7 so we can act as fast as possible to help your fishery. Our incident response can vary from deploying aeration, if your water is suffering from an oxygen crash, to disease investigation, where we can utilise our national fisheries lab to diagnose any parasite/viral or bacterial infections. Our team are able to offer professional advice as well as carry out fish rescue operations often after a flood or drought event.

We are now in the warmer months so monitoring your fishery's water quality is more important than ever! This time of year brings hot, still, sunny days which will be increasing the water temperatures to over 20 degrees, this will decrease the natural oxygen levels the water can hold. We are also prone to unsettled stormy weather which creates even higher risks for fisheries with the



chance of algal crashes and sudden temperature and pressure changes. We advise where possible checking your water quality with emphasis on oxygen level regularly and particularly early in the morning as this will be when the levels will be at their lowest. We have already been responding to fish distress incidents due to water quality issues and we are fully prepared to respond to as many incidents as we can, so please report any concerns to the incident hotline on 0800 807060 and talk to your local fishery officers for advice on how to protect your fishery and fish stocks now and for the future.



### Enforcement

As always we have been out and about carrying out regular rod licence check patrols on the Kent and South London rivers as well as plenty of lakes across the area. The Angling Trust page (<https://anglingtrust.net/enforcement/>) will give you an idea of some of the recent successful prosecutions from Kent and south London. In just 3 months fines of over £64,000 were issued with an average fine of over £300. Unfortunately, this money does not come back into the fisheries team, we are solely funded from rod licence sales!

Below details two men being prosecuted and fined over £1,000 for the illegal removal of fish from the river Thames last year. Unfortunately, the legal process is lengthy, but a good result in the end:

"In February of 2022 at Single Justice Procedure – London the Offender's, \*\*\*\*\* age 53 and 59 of Tidenham Gardens, Croydon at a hearing on 01/02/2022 received a verdict of Guilty for the offence of National Byelaw: OFB10 and WRA034 that took place at Kingston – River Thames near to on 03/07/2021 and they were fined the sum of £1,098."



We have also been monitoring any use of illegal equipment and have seized many items already this year including gill nets, set lines, unlicensed crayfish traps, unattended rods and reels as well as some of the people using them with fines and prosecutions going through. We work very closely with our partners



including the Angling Trust voluntary bailiffs and their Building Bridges project, Kent rural police and Sussex & Surrey Police. Together we can utilise our varied skills to stop these illegal activities and future protect our fisheries and rivers fish populations.

Now the close season has finished It's great to see so many anglers returning to the rivers and enjoying the sport we all know and love (we are anglers too!). However, please remember to purchase a rod licence, we are carrying out more and more patrols this year and the fines are far higher than the cost of a licence! The funds from the rod licence sales go a long way to help protect our great sport for the future.

We always rely upon the help from the public in reporting any illegal fishing activities and if we can't attend, it is still hugely important information, which can help us, so please call us on 0800 807060.

National Fish Surveys

We are now in the middle of our national fish monitoring surveys on many of our rivers and tributaries including the Darent, Medway, Cray, Rother, Mole, Brede and Beult. We carry out these surveys to gather data on fish numbers and species currently residing in our river systems. This information is vital as fish are a great indicator to the overall state and health of our water bodies. The data also shows us if we need to step in and help certain stretches of river with habitat improvements including improved spawning grounds, flow improvements, fish passes as well as additional stocking where required. The surveys are going well with good numbers and variation of species including adult and juvenile fish which is a great sign we are getting good natural recruitment. We are currently on the River Medway and some of its tributaries with the River Rother and Mole still to go so you might see us busy at work!



We have now also completed the first part of our tideway surveys on the river Thames. To date we have completed areas such as Richmond, Kew, Chiswick & Battersea on the upper tidal Thames. These surveys are carried out twice a year and give us highly important data to the different fish species in the river, both marine and freshwater, as well as showing us successful migration rates and natural recruitment. As you can see from the pictures, we had lots of juvenile flounder, young elvers, smelt, roach, bream and even bull head which was great to see.



Education



We have carried out various educational displays in the Kent and South London areas, these are a great way to not only bring the younger generation into the sport, but to show everyone what fish reside in our rivers and lakes and how we can best look after them. We have more of these days booked in for the coming months so please keep an eye on our Facebook page (Environment Agency - Kent & South London Fisheries Team) to see where we will be next and come along for a chat!



Hopefully that gives you an idea of what we have been up to recently and please if you see anything which doesn't look quite right and its fish related, please give us a call or talk to your local fishery officer.

Until next time, tight lines and see you on the bank some time!

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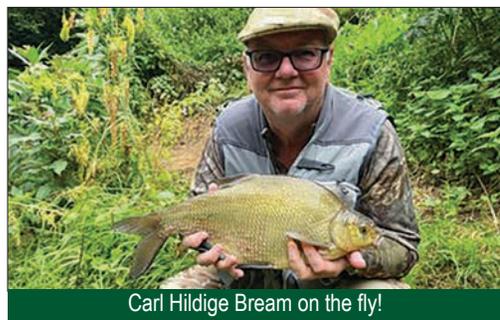


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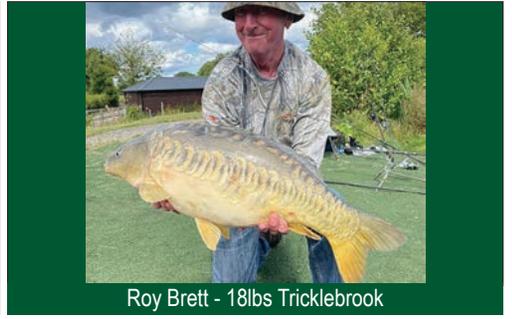
Maddie Hawkins, first pike at Hawkhurst



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Ben Hogben at Cottington Lakes



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Keir Johnson - Orchard Place Farm



Alan Yates - Sandwich Lakes



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Martin Johnson - Orchard Place farm



Mitchell Hopkins - Cackle Hill



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## Tonbridge & District Angling & FP Society

Due to the recent weather conditions, there have not been many catch reports, although most waters are still producing fish. The Old Ballast Pit is still fishing well for Carp and there was an Eel reported of 5lbs 5ozs. The water level is low on the New Lagoon but Tench, Carp and Bream are still being caught. The River Medway has produced some good match weights and there have been Chub to over 5lbs reported and some Perch well over 2lbs.



### MATCH REPORTS

#### FEEDER MATCH - 5th June 2022

##### Haysden Lake

1st	John Cooper	5lbs 2ozs
2nd	Mick Smith	1lb 2ozs
3rd	Ditch Howard	1lb 0oz

#### PADLEY BOWL - 19th June 2022

##### Long Reach & The Bungalows

1st	Larry Howard	31lbs 10ozs
2nd	Bob Doyle	19lbs 0oz
3rd	Tom Fowler	11lbs 9ozs

#### CHAIRMAN & COMMITTEE CUP - Swanmead 2nd July 2022

1st	Lee Wakeman	24lbs 3ozs
2nd	Mick Smith	8lbs 3ozs
3rd	Larry Howard	2lbs 8ozs

#### RESTOCKING CUP - 9th July 2022

##### Hartlake Down

1st	Roger Marsh (Golden Peg)	7lbs 14ozs
2nd	Steve Edwards	6lbs 3ozs
3rd	Steve Parker	6lbs 2ozs

#### LADIES TIBBETS CUP - 17th July 2022

##### New Cut

1st	Lisa Bedford	5lbs 1oz
2nd	Donna Hill	5ozs

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##### New Cut

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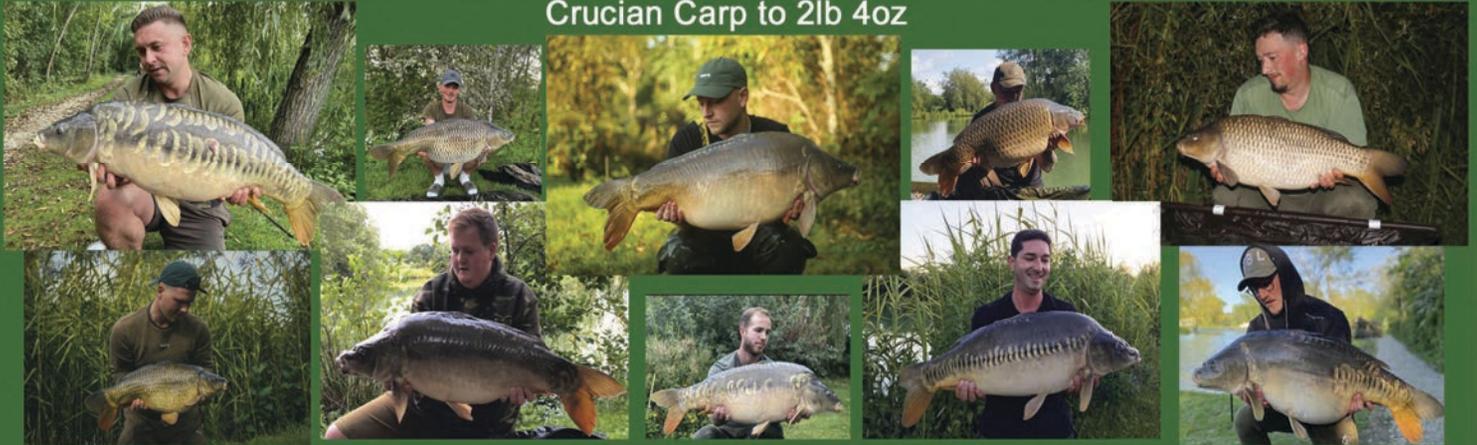
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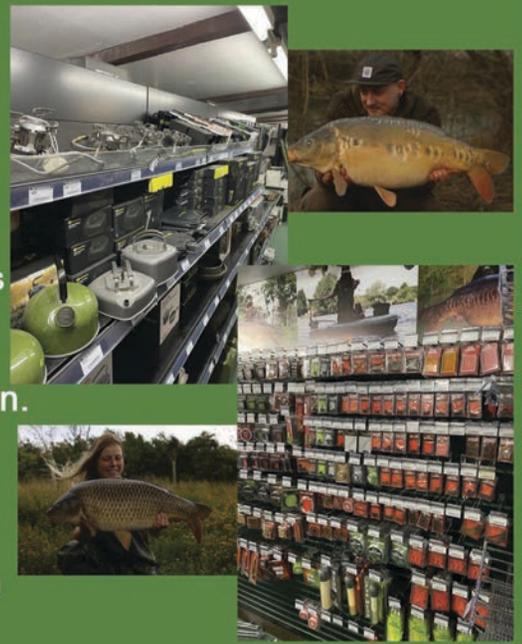
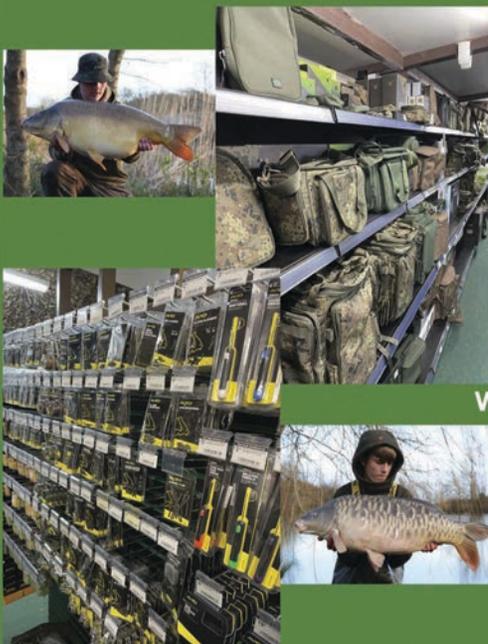
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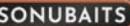


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20lbs 7ozs Common - Quarry Lake - Chris Johnstone



20lbs 5ozs Catfish - Quarry Lake - Chris Johnstone



23lbs 10ozs Common - Main Lake - Harry Worthington



28lbs Mirror - Specimen Lake - Rob Pizzy



23lbs Common - Main Lake - Harvey Redsell



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For further details contact: **Jason Tuckey on 07983 569220**  
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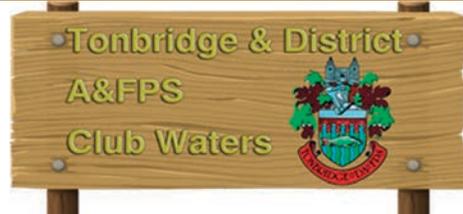
To apply to become a member please download and print the application form from our website. Complete and return to the Membership officer on the application, alternatively it is possible to purchase your membership from any of the tackle shops listed on our website.

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# A Tale of Two Halves!

**M**y latest foray bankside was to meet up with a group of fellow members from the ever growing Team Pallatrax, which is now in excess of 2,000 members literally from across the globe. The formation and the social side of it means we frequently meet up knowing we will be with like-minded anglers, fish together and share our passion for the sport we all love so much.



Daphnia

see both old and new faces, but for once the weather people had got things right and the temperatures were soaring and this is where it really does become a tale of two halves! I love the warmer months alongside the longer days, I really am no fan of our dark and cold months. To me most of my childhood angling memories revolve around fishing into dusk on warm evenings sitting within nature and far from the madding crowds. This was to be the case over the next 40 odd hours I was to spend in my swim. The weather was absolutely glorious, if I was into sun bathing, and I sat out well into the night watching the resident owl fly across the skyline, a majestic bird I would never have seen if I'd stayed indoors!

So the first 'half' of my tale was accomplished, a lovely fishery, lovely weather, great company and a brilliant overall atmosphere – but that's where the wheels started to wobble, ie the fishing! I am one who hates to blank, I really do and hence one of the main reasons starting my own bait and tackle company was so that I could innovate and design products and tactics that give us those all important edges. I will 'fight' a blank trying all the legitimate tricks in the book to winkle one fish out and this was very much going to be the case here.

How was I going to catch in a swim that was far from a fish-holding swim in this weather? It was going to be a real challenge, but ultimately I would prevail and it could not have got any more basic a tactic to catch the single fish of my trip. I love surface fishing for carp, the sight of the fish moving in on the floating bait, the seeing of the take and the resulting fight is very difficult to beat. In such conditions the free-lined cork ball comes into play, no controller just line, hook and bait and a fish within the zone that I could try to tempt against the odds.

As in all areas of fishing the last few feet are the really important elements and this case it was around six foot of 13lb Gamma Fluorocarbon, which I had bonded into my main line using a blood knot. Hook wise it has to be a Wide Gape Gripz in size 8, this versatile pattern with an inturned beak is unbeatable within such tactics. I also use some Mucilin, a line floatant which I cover my Fluorocarbon in. This has the benefit of keeping the line on the surface which is another 'must do' when surface fishing. Last, but not least, was the bait. Bait, by definition can be of any substance and my go to surface bait is a 10mm highly flavoured cork ball which in this case had been doused in my Jungle flavour, a blend of tigernut, peanut and clove.



Pallatrax products used

How basic, but on its day such a deadly tactic and so under-appreciated by many. The next question is how do you get any distance on a set up which weighs little and, to be honest, it just took a little bit of thinking in the early days of using this set up. I found I could get a piece of method mix, around the



Method adds weight



So innocuous, but so deadly!

Not that I can do a lot about it, but checking the weather prior to the trip saw the start of our recent heatwave and showed clear skies with temperatures in the mid to upper 20s and zero wind. Certainly not what I would call good fishing weather, but you have to be in it to win it! Weather has a massive effect on the species we fish for and in the Summer months we are also 'frustrated' with an abundance of natural food sources for the fish to feed on. Whatever we offer as baits can never be as the same nutritional value of the 1000s of Naturals that live within our waters.

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Driving into the car park it was great to



The 'office'!

size of a 50 pence piece, and mould it till it becomes firm and then wrap it around the hook and cork ball. This gave me plenty of weight to gain the distances needed for this style of fishing and as soon as the method hit the water, a quick flick of the wrist will see the method drop off and the cork ball floating within the target zone.

It is then a bit of a waiting game, but, as luck would have it, through the ripples I saw three carp mooching around within my bit of water. Cast one the method fell off and therefore I never got the distance needed, cast two the cork ball went through the zone, but no interest from the fish, cast three and wallop! One of the carp, with a flick of its tail, surfaced and engulfed the cork ball and I was into some fierce action on a light set up. Heart thudding knowing this could be my only chance, and it was! I carefully played the carp out and before too long a stunning mirror was drawn over the string on my net. It really is satisfying in such conditions to hoodwink a fish and the trusty cork ball had again put the cherry on the cake for this session!

*Simon 'Pom' Pomeroy*

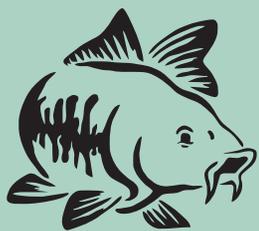
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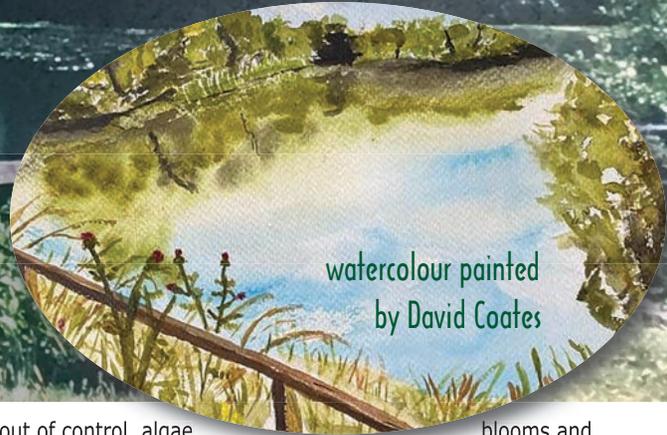
# The Golden Years of Coarse Fishing

by Bob Rolph

## Redmire Pool – PART FOUR

*This month Bob concludes his Redmire series of articles -*

*The restoration and the future*



watercolour painted  
by David Coates

The long hot summers of 2016 and 2017 caused problems for the pool. Weed growth was out of control, algae blooms and surface vegetation hampered fishing, the banks were becoming overgrown and the fish were suffering with low dissolved oxygen levels in the water. Pumps were brought in to aerate the water and the build up of red silt was halving the available depth down the centre of the lake and near the dam. Where once there was over 10 feet of water on the old hard gravel river bed, now less than 5ft of water was available and something needed to be done fast. The Richardson family through Les Bamford who were running the fishery decided to bring in an expert, Mark Walsingham, to see what could be done to alleviate the situation, and save the pool for the next generation of carp anglers, keen to experience the place.



Mark Walsingham from Somerset had restored Ashmead Fishery and was a respected and qualified fishery biologist and water management consultant who had worked in this capacity for the National Trust for 15 years. He was the ideal person to restore Redmire Pool to its original 1950s condition during the Autumn and Winter of 2018. Mark was also a keen and expert carp angler and had fished at Redmire in the past, so he knew the water well. He was actually born the year that Grahame and I first set eyes on Redmire and the remarkable fish that we saw in 1965, and I met up with him recently on the Dam at Redmire prior to him starting work on the huge project.



*The Walker Centenary Event - May 29th 2018*



I hadn't actually been down there for 53 years, so I suggested to Chris Ball that we ought to hold a centenary celebration down there to mark Dick Walkers 100th birthday on May 29th 2018. So twelve of us with historical connections to the Pool attended and Mark showed us his preliminary work on a silt retaining pond in the feeder stream above the shallows. This was achieved by filtering the red flood waters in a series of small dammed ponds where the offending silt and mud would be trapped before it could reach the main lake. This had been in situ for some time and was working well so now it was time to drain the lake with pump and syphon and bring in the heavy diggers.

It was October time and all fishing had ceased. Mark had a team on call to collect the carp (and Gudgeon), and transfer them to a holding pond below the Dam. Some people know that there is a second smaller pool at Redmire down below the Dam, where cattle drink and smaller fish get washed down into after a storm and it is not now visible from the dam. The carp were netted and carefully transferred to this new home for the duration of the works. Few knew, not least me, what size of carp were found during this netting programme, it remains a closely guarded secret, but as soon as the they were all safely out, the diggers and dumper trucks moved in and took out over 6000 tons of red Redmire mud and silt, distributing it all around the farm fields. Freshwater mussels, eels, carp and gudgeon were all saved and after many weeks of work a hard gravel bottom was revealed where the old stream bed had flowed hundreds of years before.

A huge fallen oak tree was removed from near the evening swim and the bankside swims cleared and tidied up. The three small 'dot' islands were free again just 10 feet from the bank on the NW side of the lake before the shallows. I remember this area well from 57 years ago as we hacked our way up there in the dense undergrowth to reach the top shallows, making the path which is there to this day, under the original instructions of Eric Higgs the former bailiff.

Soon the whole lake was empty with fresh water springs appearing filling it back faster than the pumps could empty it. Depressions on the bottom were revealed once the 5 feet of silt had been removed and proved why some swims on the SE bank were more prolific than others! The brick overflow sluice was cleared and cleaned and small repairs made to the dam, then new fresh water was allowed to flow freely into the lake again. Swims and pitches were 'barked' and generally tidied up and 50 hand picked 'Leney' carp returned to the water both mirror and common.

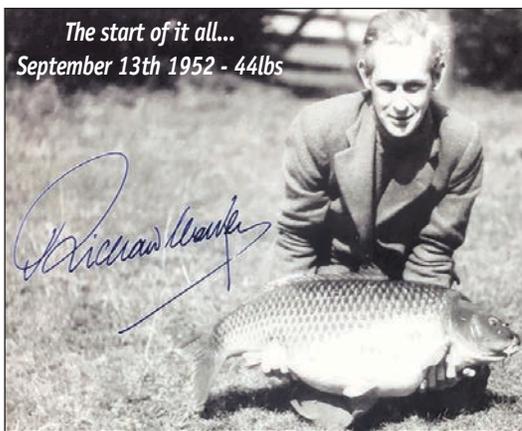


The empty pool



I don't think that everyone that used to fish there in the past was in agreement about this work, but it had to be done to save the fish. Today the carp are safe and growing again and are being caught to 30lbs so far, they will breed again and ensure a future for this historic water. I don't know what's in there, they won't tell me, but I suspect that in a few years time we'll be hearing more about the famous carp fishing to be had at Redmire Pool. The old wooden punt has gone for restoration as well, and replaced with a modern fibre glass one in the purpose built boathouse near the willow pitch and a new cooking and barbecue area has been established near the 'new to me' car park field. Otter fencing has been put in to protect the stock, as is the case with most carp fisheries these days, good job beavers don't eat fish, but what damage do they do to rivers with their dams, surely it causes flooding?

Today, the Carp Society no longer controls the fishing and anyone can apply to fish there at a price! The 'newish' family owners of Bernithan Court Farm run it and bailiff Les Bamford who lives on site in a cottage manages the bookings. You can book through him at the beginning of each year. What a job to have, bailiff of Redmire! Work parties keep the place pristine with small repairs to bank and Dam, and new facilities are ongoing throughout the close season, which is strictly adhered to down there as it is on a river system. June 16th is still a very special and a highly prized and expensive date to book!



The start of it all...  
September 13th 1952 - 44lbs

On 16th June at Redmire take a copy of Confessions of a Carp Fisher, a Mk 1V cane rod and a loaf of bread and you will be in heaven following in the footsteps of Walker, Yates, and Hilton! I did it once 56 years ago, and have never forgotten the experience!

Redmire pool is legendary, the Wimbledon, Lords and Twickenham of the carp fishing world, some revere its water like The Ganges. Jobs were lost and divorces ensued, all in the pursuit of a Redmire monster. Some fished for thousands of hours without a big fish and others could not put a foot wrong. It was not luck, but skill, experience and perseverance that propelled some to the top of the carp fishing tree, some I believe have even requested their ashes to be scattered over the hallowed water!

There are still no shortage of takers for the opportunity to fish at Redmire Pool and it remains to be seen if the glory days will ever return. Many 20lbs fish are still present, mostly commons I believe, the fish are growing fast and the fry are thriving, so in 30 years time maybe others will gather at the pool to celebrate the centenary of Dick Walkers record catch on Sept 13th 2052, I will be there in spirit!

**Bob Rolph**

My huge thanks to Mark Walsingham for the many photos he provided for this article.

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Some of the Redmire Books and Chapters

Next month, Bob starts a new 3-part series on the pioneering days of catfish fishing during the 1960s in which he was involved. His articles will include many rare and historic pictures from that Golden Era more than fifty years ago, from 1968 to 1971.

# Medway Man

## Bob Morris

**W**ell, it's 'too hot to trot' this week as far as I am concerned and I have taken the unusual step of deciding not to go out fishing at all, this is in spite of having a couple of days clear to do so. I am thinking that the stress involved for both the fish and myself will be best avoided - with air temps already up to 35 degrees and set to rise higher during the next few days.



*Even healthy looking flowing water can be low in oxygen in hot weather*

A number of clubs have temporarily closed some venues or given out guidelines about fishing during this current heatwave. I must say that I tend to agree with these measures because of the possibilities of low oxygen content occurring on many waters - even stretches of river. Some anglers have said to me that you can't have low oxygen at a weirpool or places where the current runs over boulders/shingle etc. The fact is however that the warmer the water the less oxygen it can hold before it reaches saturation point and that is where the problem arises. Hooking and playing hard fighting fish (particularly Carp and Barbel) during these conditions is a real risk to their health. Please be careful if you are out fishing. It also seems that the oxygen levels have to be very low to put some fish off their food - as metabolism is high at this time of year. I notice it with my cats. They eat like a horse and then crash out in the shade with little energy, it seems - I know the feeling!

Talking about hot weather and fishing, I had a rather interesting experience last week. I have still yet to venture out onto the rivers and will now wait for a change in the weather patterns and in particular some decent rainfall. My main quarry is still the Tench at the moment and during warm spells (normal warm!) I have often found that fishing early and late is the way to go - as the midday heat is usually when they feed least.

The traditional misty dawn may often be the only way to get a few bites during such conditions. Unfortunately I am not a good early riser and frequently elect to fish a whole night just in order to be there at the crack of dawn. Such was the case last week when I settled in for a night session - having baited a separate margin swim for the morning. It was a clear night but very warm with a bright full moon which did not give me confidence. Although I remain unconvinced about the phases of the moon theory of predicting results and the best times to fish etc, I have never done too well on bright moonlit nights. I thought that at least I would be able to have a sleep out under the stars and be ready to take advantage of the dawn feed.

It is funny how sometimes

everything goes in a different direction to how we were expecting. First problem a glut of mosquitoes made laying anywhere, with anything exposed, totally impossible - well I suppose July is about the worse time of year for them. They plagued me all night, unlike the fish who, as expected, were conspicuous by their absence and apart from a couple of liners, it was a total 'no show'.

I moved into the margin swim at about 5.30 am, feeling totally shattered. There was not much sign of life as I swung out the old float tackle and followed it up with a couple of balls of groundbait, in fact it was not until just after the sun had lifted itself above the horizon that the real signs of fish in the swim first appeared. Bubbling (always good to see) was the first thing, and this soon became rather frenzied, and then the accompanying liners with the float being pushed all over the place without a decent lift occurring. This is a frequent happening in a margin tench swim, as the particles of bait and seed create a sort of pre-occupation and any larger items like hookbaits often, initially, are ignored. I was having trouble concentrating on the float, as I was feeling

pretty shattered, and

also the rising sun was right in front of me making it a strain to see. I decided to change to a small leger to give me a better chance to watch a bobbin with a bit more time to react. By 7am I still had not had a positive take in amongst a seething mass of bubbles. I was expecting it to all be over by about nine, but against all the odds, the complete opposite turned out to be the case. A really good rise of the indicator then had me connected to a hard fighting tench, which turned out to be the first of many (10 to be precise) with a mighty amount of action - right throughout the heat of the day. I lost several fish and missed some as well and on a couple of occasions saw a good fish roll in the swim - as I was playing out one of her mates. These were not monsters, but averaged 5 - 6lbs and after running out of bait at about 4 pm - with the air temp in the shade at 31 degrees I packed up a happy, albeit rather confused angler.

I think that I can only ever remember one session when tench have fed so well during the midday heat, but whenever we get to thinking that we have got a good idea about how things will go on the fishing front something like this forces us to rethink. Long may it remain so!



*Weirpools can also be oxygen depleted*



*Misty Dawn*



*Margin tench swim*



*A good average size*

I am not too sad about not going out fishing this week as I am in the finishing stages of putting the new book together, as you can see from the advert below. All is looking good for the September launch day and I am delighted to now confirm that the book will contain contributions from my good friends Cliff Webb and John Carver. I will soon announce a local venue for a book signing evening. All enquiries now welcome.



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**Hello and welcome to the August edition of the Junior Informer!**

**The Summer Holidays are here and the weather is fine, hooray! What a great time of year it is! With the month of August in front of you I hope you find some time to get fishing.**

The weather has been very good for the past couple of weeks, but the bright sunshine and high temperatures have often made fishing difficult. I have probably said it before, but I will say it again (!), very often at this time of year the first three hours of the day and the last three hours of the day (leading in to darkness) are often the most productive periods to fish. Generally when the sun is high and bright and it is hot the fish become lethargic and unwilling to feed. Talking of food, August is the last of the Summer months and the fish have had several months continually offered lots of boilies and the mainstream baits so a change to something different can often make a difference. Try single baits that are different and your supermarket is an ideal place to start. There are potentially dozens of foods that could be used for bait! We all know that sweetcorn is a great bait, along with luncheon meat, but have you thought about other tinned/frozen vegetables? A few examples are chick peas, cannelloni beans, kidney beans, frozen peas, to name but a few. Some more exotic baits are sultanas, raisins and glace cherries that mums make cakes with! They all work! For loosefeed, try using rice! You can buy packs of pre-cooked rice in pouches that need 2 minutes in the microwave to heat, but obviously the rice doesn't need to be heated so the pouch can be taken straight to the bank. Only feed sparingly as the rice can quickly fill up fish. The rice can also be flavoured with bait liquids etc and coloured with food dye and bait powders! Lots of room to experiment! Give it a try!

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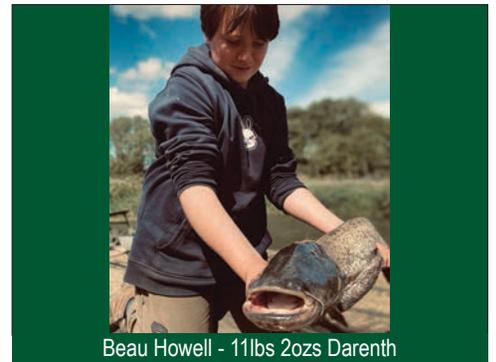
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Lily Ellen Smith - first ever fish!



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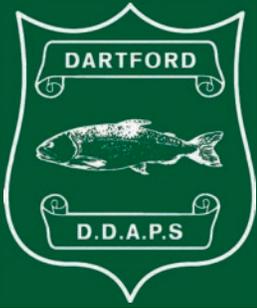


Sid Howell - 10lbs Darenth



Monty Bird at Hawkhurst





# 2022 FUN DAY at HORTON KIRBY

Sunday 10th July saw the DDAPS youth fishing fun day at Horton Kirby. This event had been sadly curtailed for the past two years due to the pandemic, so we were all a little apprehensive to see if the numbers would return or if in fact a bit of momentum had been lost.



With little over half an hour before we opened the gates to welcome our young guests, all apprehension was removed with a healthy queue formed orderly outside on what could best be described as a scorching day. Young anglers were all soon in their chosen spots and almost instantly their efforts were being rewarded with fish being caught all over and of all different shapes and sizes. There were very few youngsters who didn't manage to catch a couple of fish, and some went on to have some notable catches.



There was as in previous years free professional tuition to those who wished to take it, and the coaches reported that their young charges were catching not only the usual roach, perch and skimmers, but also tench, carp and good sized bream.

At the end the traditional award ceremony and raffle took place and the winners were as follows:

- The coach's award went to **Phoebie** who caught an impressive 6lbs carp with her coach Les.
- **Grace** won Fish of the Day, she managed to land a 3lbs tench on one of the whips provided by The Tackle Box.
- The prestigious Tackle Box Angler of the Day award went to **Stanley** who not only caught carp with the coaches, but also managed to catch a carp estimated around the 13-15lbs mark on the whip that he was provided with, congratulations to you all!

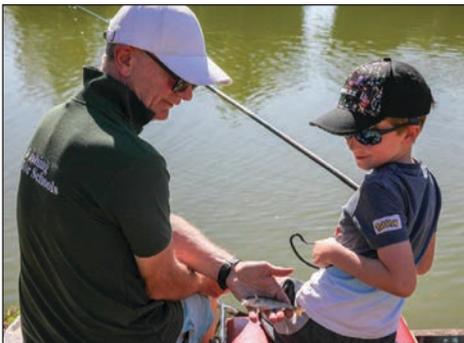
All the award winners were presented with a trophy and certificate along with a float rod and reel, all of which were provided courtesy of the The Tackle Box, the lucky raffle winners also won a float rod and reel! At the end of the day, no one left empty-handed as all the equipment provided on the day was then given to the angler to keep, once again courtesy of the The Tackle Box in Watling Street, Dartford. They made sure that every child went home with a fishing kit free of charge!

**At the end of the day, our register showed that just over 300 youngsters had attended the event. This event would not be possible if it wasn't for all the volunteers who gave up their time on both Saturday and Sunday to run the event. DDAPS would also like to thank Kent Police for their continued support, Location medical services, the coaches and also Smith & Chapman photography who kindly done all the photography for free.**

**It goes without saying that special thanks go to The Tackle Box in Watling Street, Dartford who sponsor the event and provide not only all the equipment and prizes, but also all the bait, without their generous support this day would not be possible.**

We look forward to seeing you all again next year. Thank you all - DDAPS

Here is just a small selection of photos from the day, more can be found at [www.DDAPS.org](http://www.DDAPS.org)



## Great weekend for Brydon!

Ben Berry sent in this report after he and son Brydon had a cracking session together:



"My son Brydon and I attended a social with friends on Stour Valley's Reed lake. From the start we were having fish off the top and bottom and had a busy day catching plenty of carp. An hour after our bbq my son's rod came alive once again. This time he had a real battle on his hands! After it finally slipped over the net cord I instantly looked at my mate Steve and nodded. "That's a good fish!" Well it was a good fish, a lovely dark 24lbs common. A very good fish for this lake and a new PB for my son Brydon. Here are a few photos of the other fish he had as well as the 24lbs common." **Regards, Ben**



## Fishing is a family business!

Bowie Duffield sent in these photos of him and son Bowie junior with some fine fish caught recently.



It would seem that dad's angling skills have been passed on to his son! The carp to 26lbs were caught surface fishing and the tench was taken during a period of float fishing the same day.



## Happy Birthday Alisha!

Tyler Clarkson at Ashford's Eureka Fishery sent in this report following his daughter Alisha's birthday:

"It was our Alisha's birthday and the day after her birthday she was asked what she wanted to do? She wanted to go fishing, so fishing we went!



It was another lovely day spent with good friends and we all caught some good fish, 21 carp landed in total with a couple of fish lost. Just look at them kids smile though, isn't that what it's all about?" **Regards, Tyler**



## Big catfish for Joshua King!



Joshua King sent me this great report after he caught a huge catfish at Latchetts Lakes:

"Hi Barry, It's Joshua again. Dad took me and my mate to Latchetts Lakes for 24 hours recently. I caught a couple of carp and had seven catfish, but the highlight was this PB catfish that weighed 40lbs 2ozs. The fish was as long as I am tall! A great 24 hours fishing." **Joshua**



# August update

by instructor Warren White



The past few weeks have been really busy with lots of schools and groups using our courses and team of qualified instructors to supplement the educational curriculum with some amazing results! We have been working with some incredible young people who have really embraced fishing and what is very striking is the number of girl participants who are keen to take part and very well they have done!



### Rowhill School

Our Thursday BTEC Fishery course with Rowhill school students is always a well attended course and today we were at Shorne Country Park. The first project was for the lads to make a few Whip rigs, then on to the lake to have a fish. One interesting piece of nature was that we found was a dragon fly nymph husk. The fishing was good today with plenty of good silver fish caught and strangely enough we found that green / blue maggot, which we don't normally use because we only get red and white, was the 'go to' bait.'



### Stone Lodge School

The Fishing for Schools Team Kent were at Monk Lakes with a group of students from Stone Lodge school, Dartford.



Students using an imitation Carp looked at the external features of a fish, which went down well in discussion. This was the second group of students we have had from the school on this course, such is the desire to go fishing! Thanks to the The Tackle Box at Dartford for funding this course.



### DDAPS Junior Day at Horton Kirby Lakes

It was a great turn out at the DDAPS club junior fun day and over 200 juniors attended! I have been supporting this event since Day One so it was great to see the Junior Day back on after it was stopped due to Covid. It was an absolutely roasting hot today, but all the juniors got on with their fishing and seemed to love it. I met some really nice families who were really keen to get their children into fishing. On the fishing front, to be honest today we got 'breamed' out, the normal Whip and Wagglers were good for the silver fish, but we tried to find a way of catching a Carp. The method feeder saw 15 Bream landed, then we had an idea of trying the Pellet feeder and this method eventually saw a young lad, Stanley Higgins, catch a nice sized Carp that saw him go on to win the Coaches prize for the day, well done Stanley. A big thanks to The Tackle Box at Dartford for sponsoring this great day and to Andrew Hope who runs the event and to all the D.D.A.P.S volunteers who went out of their way to make the day special for the Juniors.



# TROUT INFORMER

Our Fishery has been quiet during July due to the heatwave and the Trout have naturally moved to deeper water and become elusive and this is why we close for Summer at Tenterden. **We re-open on the 26 August 2022 at 8.20am - Bank Holiday Weekend** - when we look forward to welcoming our Anglers back for the second half of the season. Please ring to book to avoid disappointment - **01580 763201**.

We would suggest an intermediate line or floating line with sink tip and to move position every 30 minutes. Catch & Release maybe a better option if the weather is still hot, at the time of typing this we are rising to 40 degrees, fingers crossed the weather breaks when we open. All 3 Lakes (just under 5 acres of water) are fully stocked with quality Rainbows, Blues & Brownies so make sure you fish them all when you are here to get the maximum out of your visit. We do request that our Brownies are returned to the water. Our **Lakeside Fishery Lodge** is open for you to enjoy providing tea/coffee with our compliments. Please call or email [gaynor@coombe-farm.com](mailto:gaynor@coombe-farm.com) / 01580 763201 to book your fishing. If we don't answer please leave a message, name and number and we will get back to you asap. We will limit our numbers to 12 Anglers fishing at any one time to create the space you all need.

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## Brick Farm Lakes

Herstmonceux, East Sussex



On a very hot and bright Sunday in July we hosted our first Brick Farm Lakes Ladies Day! 24 people joined us - mostly ladies, but with the odd male guest also here. The day started with tea, coffee, fresh pastries and fruit. At 10am people were divided up to allow complete novices to be grouped with one of our expert coaches (Rob Barden & Gary Poole) while others took themselves onto the water and benefited from more expert coaches (Peter Winder, Caroline Cutmore & Martin Penton) who were

roaming around offering tips and advice. The sun was incredibly strong throughout the day, but with complimentary cold water and scheduled refreshment and shade stops, everyone was well looked after. Top casting instruction for the complete beginners was given on the grass by Stag Lake before a buffet style lunch of sandwiches, nibbles and homemade cakes. After lunch everyone went back out to put what they had learnt into practice on the water. All the coaches were walking around to ensure safety and offer advice. 8 fish were caught on the day, but many were hooked and lost in the fight - honestly, more than we had expected with the weather forecast! Snowbee had kindly sponsored the day which resulted in 2 lucky beginner anglers receiving a £50 voucher each - well done to Laura and to Michael. Everyone left with smiles and a breadth of knowledge gained.

Our next Ladies Day (plus guests) will be held on **Saturday 1st October** so if you have ever fancied giving fly fishing a go then this really is the perfect opportunity to learn in a relaxed and friendly environment. Places are limited so please give us a call at the Lodge on **01323 832615** to sign up - the cost will be £52 per person to include onsite coaching, tea/coffee, breakfast & lunch. Generally speaking, fly fishing is as you'd expect for this time of year and the conditions. Fish are still being caught, but it isn't as prolific as cooler months. Small buzzers or even dries can be fruitful more so in the mornings or evenings. **We are running a special 1 fish ticket for August - for only £20, with additional fish at £12 each.** Last cast is currently 9pm, however if all anglers have left then we are locking up at 6.30pm so please call if you are planning to visit for the evening.



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*Andy Lush - The Friendly Fisherman*

# Lure Fishing

## As one door closes another opens!

*Although water temperatures hadn't been too hot for trout fishing in June or July my appetite had however waned. I'd already got the itch to go carp fly fishing; watching fish on the surface is so much fun, I never tire of it. It's one of the main attractions of this style of fishing, it's so exciting seeing a pair of rubbery lips coming up and engulfing you fly! Every year more and more trout anglers are discovering this exciting form of fly fishing so I thought I'd give a brief rundown of what I use. I've also gone into detail about feeding strategies which play a vital part in being successful.*

### Rod, reel and fly line

I use a 9ft #8 weight rod which is shorter and more powerful than my trout rods, but then again carp are usually a lot bigger than trout. A floating weight forward fly line to match the rod is loaded on a fly reel which is effectively a centre pin large enough to hold 30yds of thick fly line and at least 50yds of backing. Backing line is there in case a fish takes all the casting line as it powers off when hooked.

### Polarised glasses

These are essential, without them cutting the surface glare you're effectively fishing blind!

### Terminal tackle

Compared to regular carp fishing, fly fishing for carp is very simply indeed. The leader is the connection between the fly line, the casting weight, and the fly. When trout fishing we usually use a leader of at least a rod's length often longer, for carp a shorter 5-6ft leader helps turn the larger fly over and aids accurate casting, simples.

I use Suffix Duraflex co-polymer nylon in 0.25mm - 15.4lb, this ultra-fine line is an edge when targeting surface feeding fish as your line is very visible on the surface. The last few inches of leader, just in front of the the fly, needs to sit in the surface rather than on top. To achieve this I use a paste known as 'leader sink' to degrease the material and hide the line from cautious fish. It's less important when there's some surface ripple as this breaks the surface tension and hides the leader.



*This stunning common found Andy's fly too tempting*



*Another beautiful mirror couldn't resist James mixer imitation*

### Oily baits

Using oily baits is a popular tactic to attract fish and to flatten off the surface ripple. This makes it much easier to see your fly, but can cause problems. The oil increases the surface tension so your leader will be visible on the surface even after regular degreasing with 'leader sink'. I even carry a small amount of washing up liquid with an abrasive sponge to try and sink my 'tippet', the term used for the last section of the leader. When this happens my last resort is to add a short 12"-18" 'tippet' of Seaguar Soft-plus fluorocarbon. Fluorocarbon is denser than co-polymer so will usually solve the problem. However with the leader sinking it can spook fish if it comes into contact with their body, the result is often a foul hooked fish! Keeping the 'tippet' short and under tension is the best way to avoid this.

### Feeding strategies

Before starting to fish you need to access the fish's behaviour. I'm assuming you can see fish, are they cruising about or stationary basking on the top? How they are behaving will guide you in what to do next.

## Cruisers

Cruisers are very catchable, aim your cast a couple of feet ahead of them and draw your fly into their path, often this will result in a take. If they ignore this tactic then introduce small amounts of floaters in the general area to see if they will stop and feed.

## Baskers

These fish are lazing on the surface and not moving. Fire a few floaters close to them and watch their reaction. Often they will start to move without appearing to take anything but they will eventually. That's why feeding "little and often" is so important, gradually the odd fish will sample a mixer. If they show no interest switch to the smaller floaters and keep watching closely. Eventually you'll see the odd fish lift ever so slightly, head tilted towards the surface. What happens next is you'll see the surface dimple or bulge, keep feeding and slowly lips will appear and then more and more and so on until the excitement spreads amongst the others. I've described what I call the "peanut effect" in more detail later in this article.

## No surface fish

There are times when no fish are visible to start with. During the summer months in the day carp are never far from the surface. In this situation position yourself with the wind off your back and feed a mixture of floaters; I use 8mm and 11mm pellets. Again feed "little and often" until you see signs of fish. Try and gauge what size they are taking as this will influence your fly choice. Don't be tempted to increase the quantity of feed as the fish will follow the food downwind. Try to drop the food slightly shorter once you see fish taking in an effort to draw them closer. This will help you target them more accurately and select the larger specimens. On pressured waters you'll often see fish just appear directly under the bait. The first thing you'll notice is a pair of lips as they gradually emerge from the murky water followed by a head. The carp is now virtually standing vertically on its tail trying to breathe the bait in as it pumps its gills. These fish are very tricky, cast your fly out and feed regularly on the same spot. I've caught several fish like this that have taken the fly as I've been rummaging about in my bucket refilling my catapult. The takes are savage as the fly line zips across the surface but this is not an effective way of targeting these fish but should be seen as a bonus capture. I've had some success with these fish by using a trout fly known as a 'Hopper Popper'; I use these in black which is a very effective colour. This fly has a buoyant foam head, its body sits under the surface which is the key to its success. When the carp is testing the the fly the hook is already in its mouth and as it turns away the fly catches hold before it has time to eject it! As I've said these fish are difficult and I believe are the result of angling pressure. Unlike trout that are often taken for food, carp do learn from being caught and released. So to be successful you have to keep changing your approach. Trying new flies and tactics all the time is what makes carp fishing so much fun.

## The 'peanut effect'

If the fish are not showing any interest in the 11mm pellets or dog biscuits I introduce some smaller floaters, cat biscuits or 8mm floating pellets. I'm aiming to create what I call the 'peanut effect'. Let me explain, you walk into a bar and there's some peanuts on the counter, you're not hungry but you take one and the taste is too good to resist another and so on, that's what I'm trying to create by introducing smaller floaters. Once fish are taking I like to introduce a few larger 11mm baits and watch what happens next? Carp are greedy fish and they will often search out the larger baits once you've triggered the feeding response. If this happens I choose a suitable large fly, if they ignore the bigger baits then my imitation has to be scaled down to suit.

## Casting range

I've described how to get the carp feeding but I need them within my casting range. It's not always possible to find suitable swims where there are fish. Once you've got fish feeding I try to manoeuvre them into a position where I can reach them. Learning to roll cast will open up many more swims that cannot be fished by overhead casting and is worth learning. One last thing, while playing fish I continue feeding my swim in an effort to hold the fish and keep them feeding.

*Tight lines Andy Lush*



The 'peanut effect' helped Andy catch this chunky mirror





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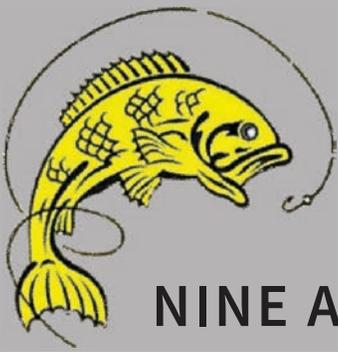
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