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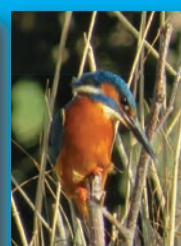
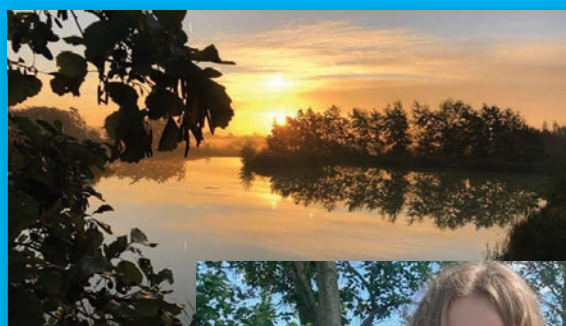


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Hello and welcome to the December issue of the Freshwater Informer!

This issue of my beloved Freshwater Informer sees me writing a rather sad introduction!
It is almost time for 'one more cast' before my wife and I take our well earned retirement!

As you may have already read on the opposite page we are planning a move to Lincolnshire to spend our 'senior years' and enjoy using our bus passes! It is a move we have been contemplating for a couple of years and now feel the time is right to take this rather daunting step in our lives. We did in fact put our house up for sale during 2020 and it sold within days, but we were unable to find a suitable property to move on to so the sale was cancelled. However, now in our mid sixties, we are ready to make this major move.

I have been involved with the Freshwater Informer for almost ten years and took ownership several years ago. Since then I have spent thousands and thousands of hours working tirelessly to bring the magazine to where it is today and I am proud of my achievements, even though I say it myself! I have met many hundreds of great people on my journey and brought the Freshwater Informer to many thousands of people and the readers' love and never ending appreciation of the magazine never ceases to amaze me! Every issue is greeted like a long lost friend!

However, it is now time to hand over the reins to someone else who can continue the great tradition of the Freshwater Informer and take the magazine in to a new era. The Freshwater Informer brand that includes the paper magazine, website and Facebook page is a formidable business package and is ready to go from 'Day One' so I hope someone else can enjoy this publication as much as I have done.

If you feel that this rare opportunity is for you please get in touch for a chat!

At this point I would like to pay considerable tribute and a massive Thank You to two very special people who have made my 'shift' at the Informer as successful and enjoyable as it has been! Firstly, my dear wife, who has spent years looking at the back of my head while I have been hammering away at the keyboard for hours on end! Not once has she ever complained about the amount of time I have given to the magazine, indeed our social life has been organised around deadlines, deliveries and various meetings! Even our annual holiday has had to be worked around the Freshwater Informer diary!

The second person who I would like to thank is Linda Lacey. Linda has been involved with the Freshwater Informer for very many years and knows the magazine inside out and back to front. Indeed for many years Linda was running the magazine so her expertise in the design and layout of the articles and adverts has been paramount in providing you with such a quality publication each and every month. We have spent many hours on the phone discussing the layout of pages and how to include a late advert or article arriving after the deadline and Linda has kept me in check and been a great ally in discussing new ideas and various concepts. Linda, thank you seems hardly enough!

I would also like to thank Wealden Print at Hawkhurst for their quality printing service each and every month and always producing such a fine magazine! Richard Steel also deserves a mention as he has been responsible for the running of the website and taking care of the occasional glitch that crops up. Thank you Richard! I am planning for my last publication to be the January 2023 issue so you haven't quite got rid of me yet!

*All of us at the Freshwater Informer
wish you and your families a very
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

Enjoy your fishing!
Barry Reed

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I have looked into operating the Freshwater Informer from a base away from the South East, but the logistics do not realistically work for me to continue to provide the same high level of service to my advertisers, stockists and the loyal readership.

I am therefore looking for someone who shares my level of passion, not just for angling in the South East, but for the long established Freshwater Informer brand to take it forward in to a new era. The new owner will have full ownership of the title along with the popular website and huge following on the social media platform as well as access to a network of magazine stockists throughout the region.

"After many years at the helm of this beloved publication, I have decided to take my retirement and enjoy some fishing myself!"

Barry Reed

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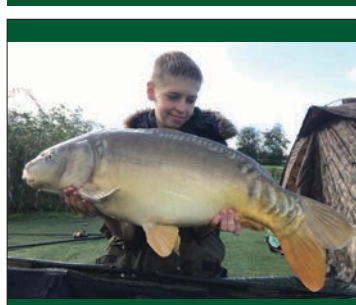
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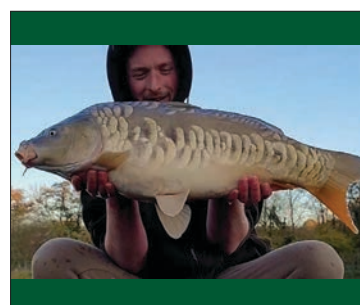
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Gabriels Fishery Edenbridge, Kent

We are in the midst of Autumn and the colours around the fishery are amazing. Reports from the bank are good. Robert Babbs has been busy with his Dad, they have had a couple of trips to Gabriels and have caught some lovely mirror and common carp. He also caught a Bream weighing in at 5lbs 6ozs.

Darrell Davies caught a 33lbs 13ozs Common Carp which is his **PB!**

A reminder of the winter hours for our bait and tackle shop. We are open 7am-1pm Sunday to Thursday and 7am-5.30pm Friday and Saturdays. The fishery is open for day and night fishing and bookings can be made by calling the shop on **01732 865 355**.

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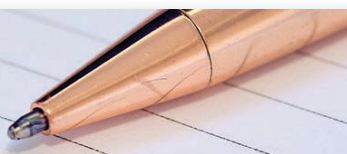


Darrell Davies - 33lbs 13ozs



Robert Babbs

Letter to the editor



Regular correspondent, Robin Piper, has put pen to paper once again and sent us this report:

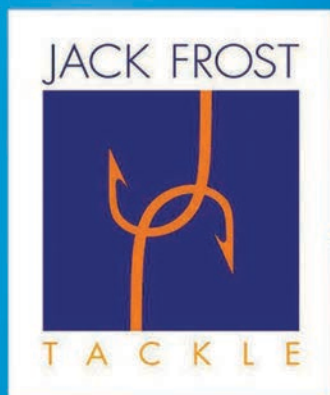
"Dear Barry, As I had not fished Lake Sophie at Claygate Lakes since June of this year, I thought I should make the effort and give it another go. When I arrived there was just one other person fishing so no pressure there. I made my way to peg 22 and weather wise there was low cloud and light rain forecast. I set up my usual tackle of 10' rod, size 12 Pallatrax hook on a running rig with a 2ozs Stonze weight for a bottom fishing session. I cast a prawn bait to the far margin, but



after an hour or so I was still without a bite. I then tried the margins to my right and left, still without joy. I switched to a bread bait on the bottom and I picked up a small carp of 2lbs 8ozs and a small, but welcome small tench.

Around midday the only spot I hadn't tried was 'down the middle' so I switched back to a prawn bait and cast out and fed a few pieces of corn over the top. Just five minutes later I had a 4lbs common in the net. This switch had found the fish so I stuck with it and went on to catch a good number of carp from 4lbs to 6lbs 8ozs. I found that trimming the size of the prawn worked best as the whole prawn didn't get a response for ages. By 5pm I had almost run out of bait and with the weather beginning to deteriorate I weighed in 60lbs of fish and being October it turned out to be a better day than expected or rather a better short session than expected!"

Regards, Robin Piper



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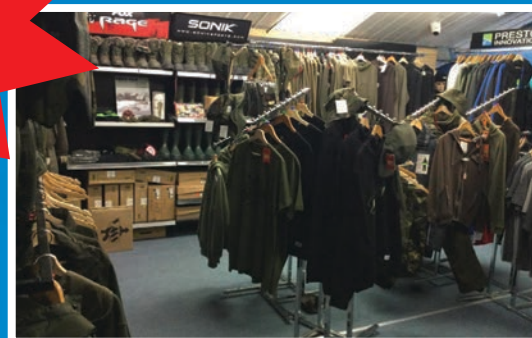
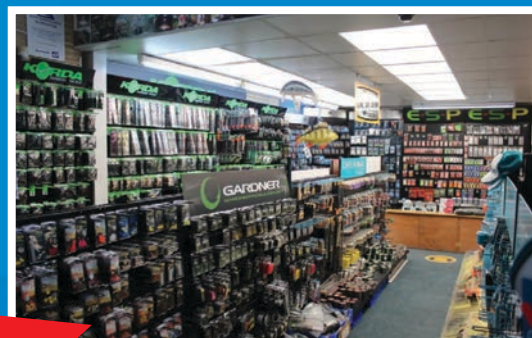


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Billy Delahaye - Pullens Lake



Nichola Osgood - 39lbs 12ozs North Lake



Tony Kitchen - 19lbs Kettles Lake



Neil Corder - Plantation Lake



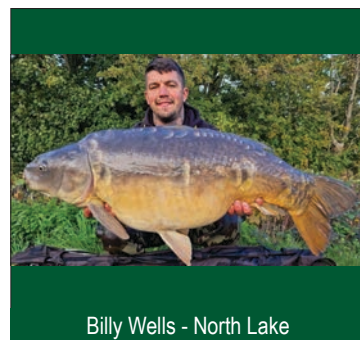
Nichola Osgood - 43lbs 6ozs PB North Lake



Plantation Lake



William Delahaye - 37lbs 2ozs Pullens Lake



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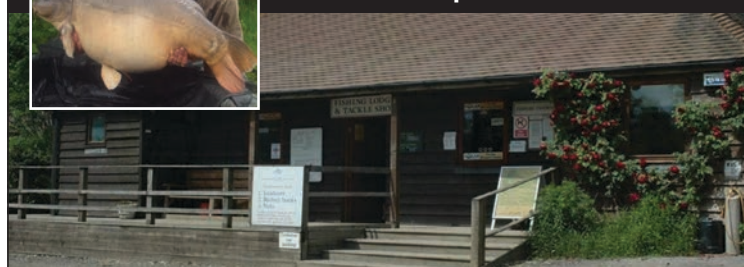
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Speci 2 Robin red halibut pellets and luncheon meat seem to be the best baits at the minute for catfish which are mainly getting caught late afternoons and through the night to early mornings. Catfishing has slowed up now that the colder weather has moved in but this only means that the pike are waking up. Carp can be caught on small baited areas close to the islands or margins.

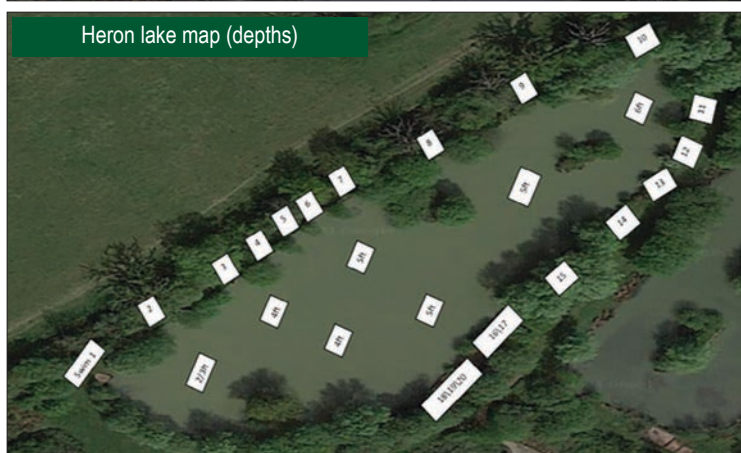
Heron Still fishing really well on float or quiver tactics for a mixed bag of fish. Preferred hookbaits seem to be maggots and luncheon meat over a bed of pellet or groundbait.

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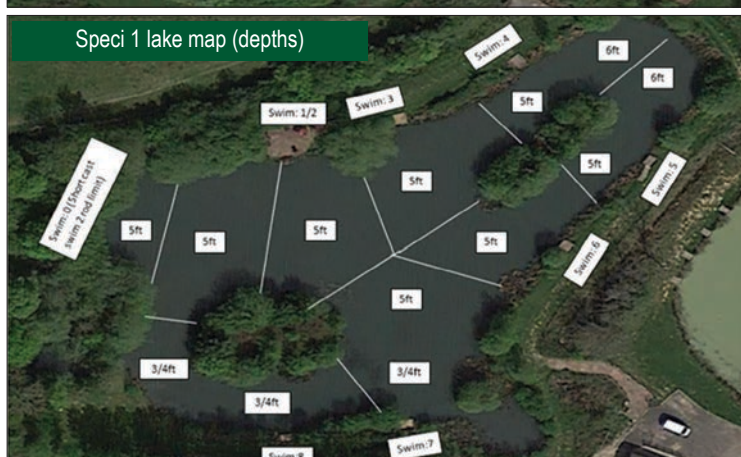
Bluebell A very unique lake tucked out the way, this lake holds some lovely tench to 6lbs and carp to 10lbs and is very peaceful.



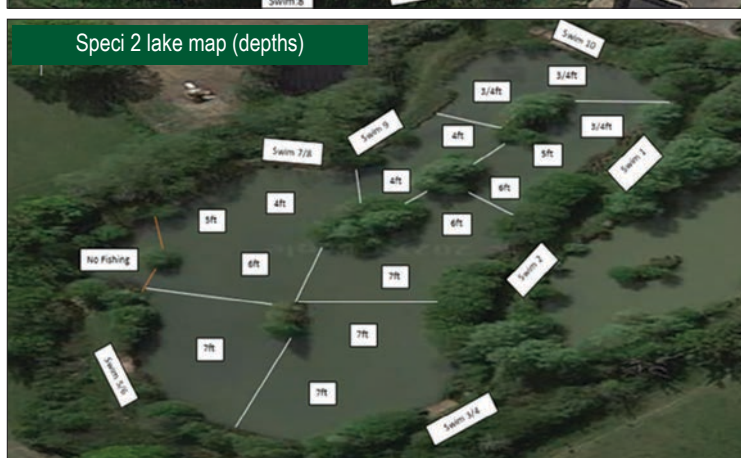
Heron lake map (depths)



Speci 1 lake map (depths)



Speci 2 lake map (depths)



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Well, its been a crazy time here at the fishery. Ben and I had set our sights on continuing the winter maintenance but Mother Nature threw a big wet spanner in the works. We had to stop what we were doing to try and fend off the excessive amount of water flowing through the fishery. We did however have a few roads and car parks that were flooded and even Snipe Lake suffered with all the swims under water for 24 hours. As Ben said, we've gone from worrying about water in the Summer to worrying about water now. Crazy! Here are a selection of catches, PBs and firsts:

Snipe Lake Jamie Hughes came back to us after a bit of a lay off and was rewarded with a 21lbs common, Ian York had the Big Lin at 26lbs, Sam Rogers banked a 17lbs 15ozs common and 2 mirrors at 23lbs 2ozs and 29lbs 6ozs, Raymond Box landed a 17lbs 2ozs stockie mirror and then a 29lbs common, Jeff Firth had a 23lbs 13ozs mirror, Alan 'Tipper' Tipping had a 23lbs mirror, Daniel Sanderson had a PB when he banked a 32lbs common, Grant Clark banked Stumpy Tail at an impressive weight of 22lbs 8ozs, Steven Gallagher had 2 mirrors at 18lbs and 26lbs 1oz, Phil Clegg decided to do a day session after a run of weekend blanks and landed a 20lbs 10ozs stockie mirror and Simon Wellbourne was over the moon when he banked not only his target fish but a new PB as well in the shape of Hayley's Mirror at 37lbs 12ozs.

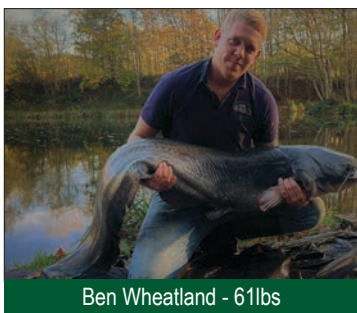
Westlake has seen the cats still moving and feeding in this unusually mild November weather. Les Franklin banked 6 cats to 62lbs 8ozs, Trevor Jones had a mad session when he banked 22 cats to 40lbs, Peter Ellis ended his bad run and has banked cats to 48lbs, Alexx Hope had a 35 and then a new PB of 69lbs 4ozs, Graham Jewiss banked 6 to 40lbs, Adrian Buck kept his good overnight run going when he banked 4 to 36lbs, Andy Watson had 2 cats to 50lbs, Alan Teakle is a cat catching machine, just fishing day sessions he had 8 to 41lbs, and another day session saw him bank 10 cats to 36lbs and on his next day session saw him bank 6 to 32lbs 5ozs, Dave 'Oz' Osbourne has done well banking day session cats at 36lbs, 40lbs then he banked 6 to 54lbs, Brothers Dave and Phil Parsons have certainly done well with Dave banking numerous 50's to 56lbs while Phil banked numerous cats to the 50's as well and Ben Wheatland had a great session when he banked 2 cats at 51lbs and 61lbs.



Phil Parsons - 50lbs Westlake



Alexx Hope - 69lbs 4ozs PB Westlake



Ben Wheatland - 61lbs



Dave Osbourne - 56lbs



Dave Parsons - 56lbs Westlake

Daughters Lake has been hard going again, with the fish driving the anglers crazy as they have been boshing and showing constantly. Rick Gallett managed a 16lbs 10ozs mirror, Chris Shepherd had 2 mirrors at 10lbs 5ozs and 14lbs 12ozs and his first ever common from Daughters at 10lbs 4ozs and even I managed to winkle a 13lbs 14ozs mirror out on a rare overnight visit to the bank.

Majors Lake before we shut the lake for winter works a few fish were banked. Peter Mew and his Dad had some lovely tench and a few carp to low doubles, Alex Chapman had 4 nice bream and a fully scaled 11lbs mirror, Terry Edwards had a few including 2 small commons, a 9lbs ghostie and a 24lbs mirror, Matt Sayer banked 3 commons to 13lbs 8ozs and Taylor Elliott had 3 carp to 21lbs 4ozs while young Mathew Notchev and his Dad Jordan banked bream to 5lbs, a 6lbs F1, a small common and Mathew banked a PB 19lbs mirror.

Jeff's Lake with a few of our lakes being shut Jeff's Lake has been a bit busier. John Howe had 7 F1's and 3 nice bream, Les Parker had a few fish including some decent sized bream and F1's while the pick of the bunch goes to Lawrence Marden who has done a few day sessions and fished the lake really well, on one day he banked 60-70lbs of F1's and bream and on another day he banked 44 F1's and 35 bream which shows if you fish it with the right tactics fish will be banked.

Please remember to send any catches via WhatsApp on 07710656041.



Grant Clark - 22lbs 8ozs Snipe



Phil Clegg - 20lbs 10ozs Snipe



Raymond Box - 29lbs Snipe



Sam Rodgers - 29lbs 6ozs Snipe



Simon Wellbourne - 37lbs 12ozs Snipe



Steven Gallagher - 26lbs 1oz Snipe



Matthew Notchev - PB Majors



Terry Edwards - 24lbs Majors



Chris Shepherd - 14lbs 12ozs Daughters



Lawrence Marden - Jeff's

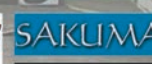


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Mega session for Chris Smith!

Chris Smith sent in this report after a great late Autumn session at Elphicks:

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I initially spent a couple of hours finding clear areas to present a bait which was really important with the amount of dead weed present all over the lakebed. I did eventually have three spots which I was very happy with so in and around the insane amount of rain we had on the trip I finally got the rods out about lunchtime.

I started by initially baiting the areas with just 3 spombs and a small pva bag for each rod.



By 7.30pm on the first day my left hand rod was away.

I couldn't

believe it and after a slow, heavy but dogged fight I had an absolute unit in the net...a mirror that went 47lbs 1oz. At 9pm the same night the right rod was away, I was in shock with two bites on the first evening and again it was huge, a 43lbs 14ozs mirror!

The next day went by very quiet, in fact there wasn't a day time bite at all. I had to wait until the evening for a bite, but at 6.30am I was awoken to a screamer on the right rod again and this mirror went 37lbs 5ozs and one of the best looking carp I've seen. Going into the third and final night I was hoping for one more bite and the carp didn't disappoint. At 8.30pm the right rod was away again and I was rewarded with a 36lbs 6ozs ghostie looking mirror.

So with three nights complete and four fish to my name, all of which were mega and giants, I was chuffed to bits with my last session of the year due to work commitments.

Bring on January for more carp hunting sessions!"

Chris Smith

47lbs 1oz



36lbs 6ozs



43lbs 14ozs

**Lovely Tricklebrook common for Owen!**

Owen Browne sent in this report saying he had caught the 'Queen of the Lake! The biggest common in the lake at 34lbs 4ozs!

"Hi Barry,

I had a recent session at Tricklebrook Fishery on the old speci. After the first night, during the early hours of the morning I was away with a take on the left hand rod, but unfortunately that fish done me in some snags. However, shortly after losing that fish



my right hand rod was away and I was into this cracking common which, according to young Charlie, is the biggest common in the lake!! It is a new common PB for me so I am over the moon.

I also had another two fish both being from the new stocking, one at 17lbs and the other one being a mirror at 15lbs. I am definitely one happy chap!"

Kind regards Owen Browne

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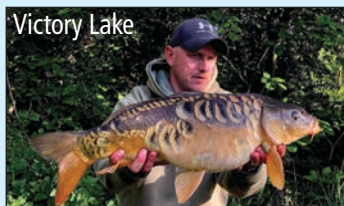
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We would like to start off by wishing all our visitors and readers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! It's been fantastic to have so many anglers on the banks this year, with many smashing PBs on our specimen waters, and plenty of impressive sessions on the pleasure lakes as well.

As normal, we will be closed from 12th December through to 10th February- this time allows our team to carry out maintenance jobs that we are unable to carry out whilst we are open, as well as giving our fish a well deserved rest.

You may have seen we are going live on Swimbooker (online booking system) imminently. We are excited to give anglers a second booking option, but rest assured the office will remain open for phone bookings and general enquiries as normal.

Wishing you all tight lines for 2023.



Adam - 27lbs Common - Specimen Lake



Chris Craddock - 30lbs 8ozs Common - Dove Lake



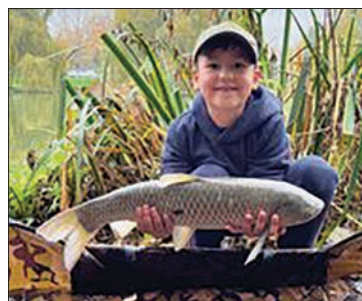
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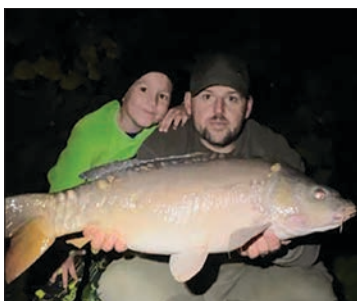
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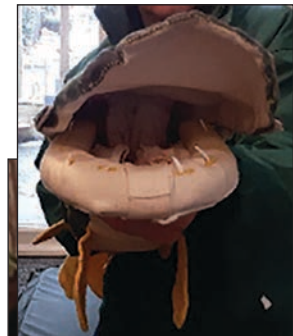
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So, you want to try Pike fishing? by Phil Wilkinson

This month Phil looks at safely unhooking pike in the second and final part of his pike fishing articles.

Pike unhooking



Pike can have several hundred razor sharp teeth in their mouth, but unhooked properly there's no reason any harm should come to you or the fish whilst removing hooks. If you don't feel fully confident to begin with I do suggest that you go fishing with an experienced Pike angler who can help you out. Pike may look ferocious, but they are one of the most delicate fish in our waters so extra care should be taken when you have them on the bank. I would suggest that you use semi-barbed treble hooks as these only have one barb which is used for bait holding, (mine are painted white so I can identify them easily)

Meet Gert!

Gert (pictured left) was made by a fellow Pike Anglers club coach and represents a mid 20lbs Pike. She is used on training courses to teach unhooking techniques in preference to keeping a live Pike on the bank longer than is necessary whilst letting everyone see how unhooking is done.



image courtesy of Sam Cox

Let's get started!

Once you get your fish safely in the net bring it into the margins and disconnect the hook trace from the mainline so that the rod can be placed out of the way, preferably back on the rod rests, so it is not stepped or knelt on which could lead to the rod being snapped. This will also mean you do not have metres of line laying around to catch up on things and get in the way. With the net still in the margins holding the fish safe and secure, prepare your unhooking mat and get your tools close to hand, this is a lot easier if you have someone with you.

It is a good idea to remove the arms from your landing net so the mesh can be rolled down ready for lifting the fish onto the unhooking mat. Our aim, once we lift the fish out of the water, is to get it back in the water and released as soon as possible. If necessary, you can always replace the fish back into the landing net and place it in the margins for a while if you are struggling, **DO NOT BE AFRAID TO ASK FOR HELP IF YOU ARE STRUGGLING!**



ESSENTIAL TOOLS FOR UNHOOKING (from left to right)

- Long handled Pliers
- Long handled Strong wire cutters
- Surgical forceps
- Smaller forceps

These tools will enable you to reach inside a Pike's move to remove hooks and keep your hands away from the sharp teeth inside.

You will also need a large unhooking mat.

Unhooking a Pike

- Be aware that if you feel the fish tense up it could try, and thrash around so keep a firm grip with hand as well as legs. (I always wear a pair of waterproof trousers as you will end up with wet slimy legs).
- Note the unhooking tools directly beside the fish's head within easy reach.

Slide one hand to the side of the centre of the chin, being aware of the sharp Gill rakers inside and grip the centre portion of the chin. This will expose the gill rakers which are sharp so don't go in too roughly.



The jaw can now be gently, but firmly, lifted towards you and the mouth will open. (You can see the red gill rakers in the picture).



Using long handled pliers, you will be able to reach inside to free hooks.

- You can see how far my hand stays away from any teeth by using long handled tools.
- If you are struggling with Pliers or Forceps, then do not hesitate to grab the cutters and cut the hooks free that way.
- When unhooking I start with the furthest hooks first so that you can ease the trace out of the Pike's mouth.

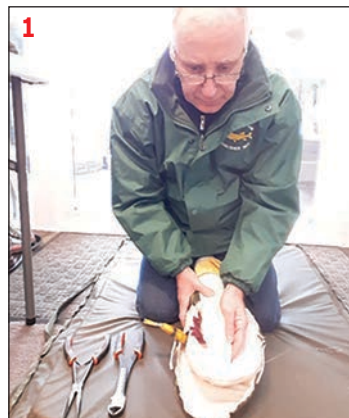


Once all your hooks are free lift out the trace (or as here a lure) and place them away from you where you will not lean or kneel on them.

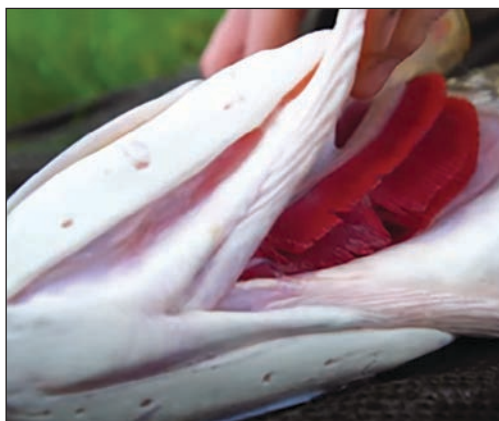
- Have another look around just in case there are any hooks left from someone else still in the fish's mouth and remove them as well.
- Once unhooked it is a case of keeping your hand still in the gill cover and move one knee back over the fish and with your

other hand underneath the fish roll it towards you and support the body ready to admire your catch and get a picture.

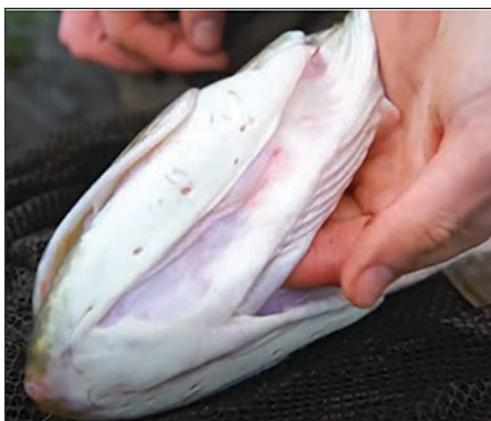
When releasing your fish hold it in the margins support it just behind the gills and by the tail wrist until it starts to kick and is sitting in the water correctly, you can then release it and watch it swim away.



Chin gripping on a Pike



You can see the centre of the chin in this picture with a Pike's left cheek raised up.
The gill rakers are clearly shown and are very sharp and can easily cut you if not careful.



I insert my left hand (I'm right handed) over the centre of the chin and under the cheek.



Here's the chin grip in action, it's easier the larger a Pike is as there is more room to get your hand in!

Business end of a Pike

As you can see from the pictures right, not only do Pike have large teeth, but they have hundreds of smaller, just as sharp teeth, which is the reason why we need to get a good grip ready to unhook our Pike using long handled tools.

I do hope that this short series of articles have helped and inspire you to go pike fishing if you have never done it before!

Tight lines, Phil Wilkinson



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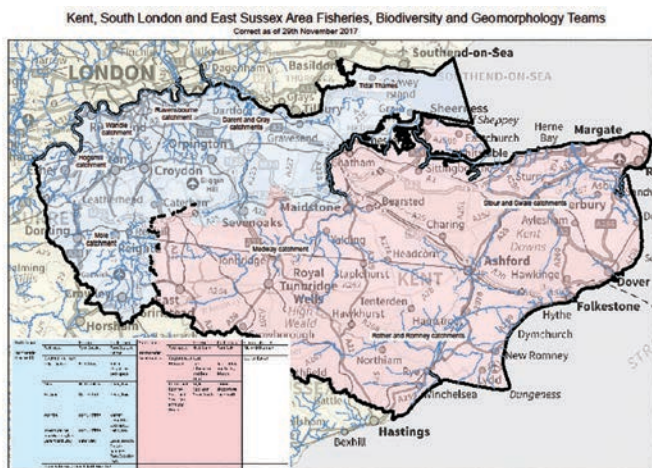
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WINTER UPDATE

A big hello from the KSL Fisheries Team!

Here is our Winter update especially for Freshwater Informer readers!

Who are we and what have we been up to?



Kent & South London fisheries team

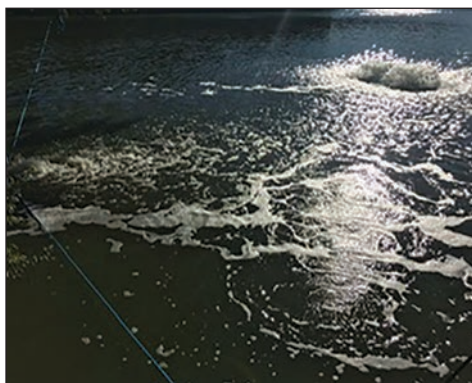
Our work is varied and includes fisheries enforcement on matters such as illegal fishing, fish movements and rod licence checks. We also deal with incident responses, fishery management work, planning consent applications, fish surveys and stocking. We are solely funded by rod licence funds and all the 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.

What a summer that was...

With one of the hottest and driest year's on record what a year it has been for fish and us! We suspect we have had more fish related incidents this year than any other year to date. 2018 was a tough summer with again prolonged periods of dry hot weather but 2022's summer has superceded that by some margin. We estimate over 300 fish related incidents were called into us between June and September with the majority of these being related to the incredible weather conditions we all experienced.



Aeration deployed at lakes suffering from oxygen crashes



We responded to multiple incidents of fish in distress due to large scale algae blooms causing oxygen crashes and water quality issues. In most cases we were able to deploy additional aeration to manage these crashes and prevent multiple mortalities. Having this aeration in place meant we were literally able to save 1000's of fish, which is a huge achievement and relief to the angling community. The prolonged hot weather also affected some of our river networks where water levels dropped to their lowest on record meaning fish were becoming stranded in pools and being cut off from the remaining flowing water. In these cases, we were able to carry out large scale fish rescues and again save countless fish from the hot weather impacts. With a notable example being the river Mole which saw a lot of media coverage.

This summer was a prime example of where some of your rod license money goes as it funds incident response, which was key to ensuring the health and wellbeing of our fisheries and the sport we all love. This year has also shown how vital your intelligence is to us, reporting the vast amount of incidents to our hotline number 0800807060 gave us the information needed to help and support, making it a huge success. We have a member of the fisheries team on call 24hrs a day meaning your reports can be looked at and responded to in quick succession.



A lovely Chub being rescued



Small fish rescue on a river in Kent



Nice Chubb being relocated

What's next...

We are now recovering from the summer period with some fisheries still struggling due to excessive leaf litter still playing havoc with water quality issues. We will be ensuring all our kit is ready to go again for next year where we will hopefully have normal weather conditions. We are also working hard with multiple fisheries across the Kent & South London area to create management plans and assist with funding where possible to future protect their waters from the harsh weather conditions we had this year. Please contact your local fishery officer for any help or information you need to protect your fisheries, we are here to help.

With the winter now here we are heading back up to our Calverton fish farm in Nottingham which produces around 600,000 course fish per year for the UK's rivers and lakes. Last year we collected and stocked over 10,000 fish which included Crucian carp, Tench, Roach, Bream, Barbel, Dace and Chubb. These were stocked across some of the Kent and South London rivers and stillwaters.

We don't stock without reason, there has to be a driver for doing this which can be for example when a pollution incident has decimated the fish population or if there have been works done by a club or organisation which improve the habitat where the seed stock is too low. When stocking angling club still waters this is done as part of a management plan created in advance by the club with help from us.

This is now the time of year many fisheries are also looking to stock their lakes, this does and will always pose a huge risk to any fishery. We are aware of fish suppliers currently operating without the correct paperwork and permissions in place, offering to supply, stock and remove fish, in and from waters across the Kent & South London area. Using suppliers such as this not only undermines legitimate operators, but can also seriously jeopardise the health of fish stocks. Fish of unknown provenance, that have not been suitably health checked can lead to the spread of fish diseases, parasites and fish kills. Please get in contact with us if you have any concerns and we will happily advise on best stocking practices.

We have now started our fishery management work to with the aim of helping multiple fisheries with management work such as fish population surveys. We can assist fishery owners/managers by utilising our survey equipment to provide an accurate representation of exactly what fish and how many swim around in their lakes. With this data we can work with the angling clubs to create a management plan to future protect the fishery and become the best it can be from the fish welfare and angling point of view. This work will continue over the winter period whilst the water temperatures are safe to do so, we book these in advance so contact your local fishery officer to discuss what assistance we can offer your fishery.

What else have we been up to...

We completed our national fish monitoring program at the end of October with fish surveys going ahead on many of the rivers across the patch. Given the weather condition again this year, our rivers water temperatures were often too high for us to carry out these surveys however we still managed to complete close to 80% of the planned surveys which was a great achievement. We saw some really good results with some real specimens caught but more importantly fish from most year classes and various species which indicates good levels of natural recruitment and water quality.

We also completed all our tidal fish surveys on the Thames from Mucking to Battersea with multiple sites in between. 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.



Helping Anglers set up

Even with the excessive level of incidents we have continued a good level of rod license checks all over the area with multiple offence tickets issued along with some equipment confiscated and various people ending up in court. However as always, most anglers were happy to see us on the bank and we are happy to help where we can to make sure you enjoy your days sport, even if that is setting up your rods or taking that prize winning photo.



Fyke nets being seized



We have also been carrying random Eel patrol checks as well as any other unlicensed illegal methods of fishing. At the end of September, a large haul of unlicensed fyke nets which were targeting Eels were seized from the river Thames with 20+ Eels being released back into the river and all equipment recorded and seized.

As always remember to get in touch with either your local fishery team or on the hotline number if you require assistance or notice any illegal fishing going ahead. Hopefully we will see some of you on the bank this winter sticking out the cold with a hot brew.

We are happy to help where we can to make sure you enjoy your days sport, even if that is setting up your rods or taking that prize winning photo.

Tight lines from your fisheries team

Richard has a dabble on the 'Dark Side'!

Kent sea angler Richard Steel had a few days break in Devon recently and had a go at coarse fishing on a lake at Cofton Farm near Dawlish. He done very well and landed a fine looking carp, his first ever!

Once home, Richard called to tell me about his first ever carp and how he enjoyed the experience so much that he had visited Medway Tackle Supplies at Gillingham and bought himself a float fishing set up! Richard went on to say that he was off to Orchard Place Farm at Paddock Wood the following day and really wanted to catch a double figure fish.



The following day Richard 'rocked up' at Orchard Place with his new kit and fished on lake 13. He fished the waggler in the margins and fed with small amounts of groundbait and maggots and within the first hour had three fine carp to just over 8lbs. The session then went quiet for an hour before he was in again and got his wish of a double figure fish which was a lovely looking common weighing 11lbs 14ozs.



To say he was pleased would be an understatement and I think Richard will be 'puddle chucking' again very soon! **Well done Richard!**

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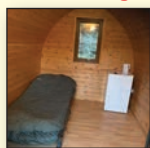
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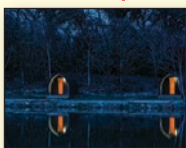
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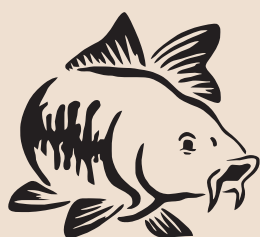
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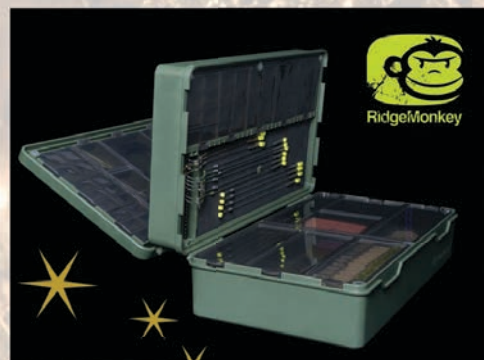
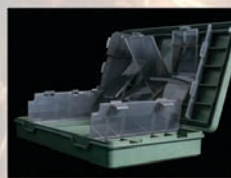


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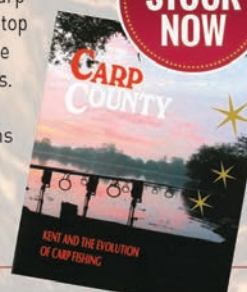


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Anthony Stygal - 48lbs Darent



Mark Day - Sandwich Lakes



Richard Steel - first ever carp!



Owen Browne - 31lbs 2ozs Elphicks



Mason Laker - 33lbs 10ozs Nickolls Pit



Sammy Dunn - Chequertree Fishery



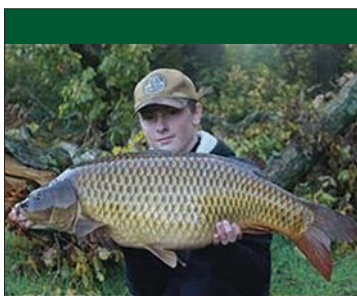
Jack Holden - 30lbs Members water



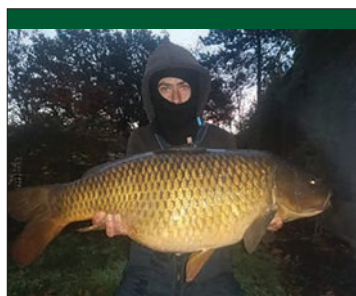
Craig Williams - 33lbs 10ozs Cackle Hill



Ben Goshawk - 26lbs Pittlands



Keir Johnson - 22lbs Estate Lake



Jack Holden - 28lbs 4ozs Cotton Farm



Joe Glanville - 26lbs Frant Lakes



Kyle Spavins - 36lbs Mousehole Lakes



Leah - 33lbs Hartley Lands



Nathan Norman - 59lbs 8ozs Elphicks



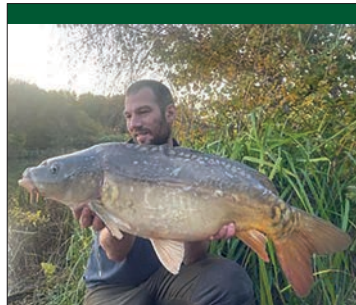
Philip Lane - 18lbs 1oz River Thames



Ricky Pratt - 37lbs 8ozs Elphicks



Chris Clark - 31lbs 10ozs Mousehole Lakes



Neil Edwards - 20lbs 4ozs Elphicks



Gordon Fellows - 23lbs Mousehole Lakes



Danny Clarke - Kent lake



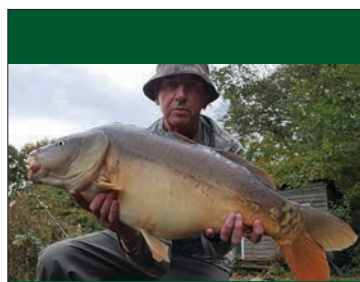
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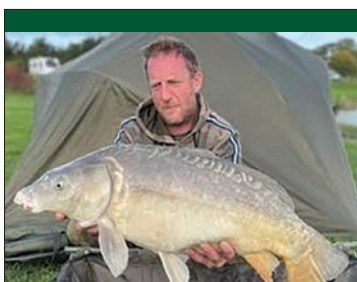
Eddie Taylor-Green - 18lbs on the pole at Wylands



Harvey Phillips - 31lbs Cackle Hill



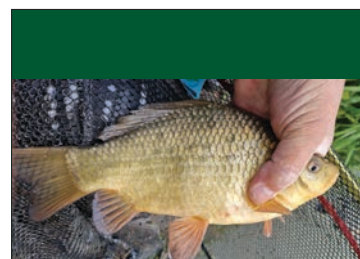
Roy Brett - 22lbs Lovelace Fishery



Mike Carter - 21lbs 10ozs Knightingales



Mark Day - River Stour



Paul Cooper - Autumn crucian



Mat Lambert-Gorwyn - 1lb 10ozs



Dom Cole 'Orca' 27lbs

A very
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Tonbridge & District Angling & FP Society

We had the sad news of the passing of one of our lifelong members and former owner of Tonbridge Rod & Line, Peter Burt. Peter was a very popular man and always helped and supported the Tonbridge Club and local youngsters getting into fishing.

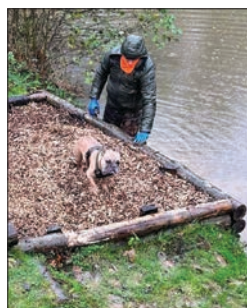
Prior to the recent heavy rainfall, fishing had been pretty good on all waters. The only exception was the **New Lagoon** which still had the very low summer water level. **Barden Lake** was still producing decent Carp to over 30lbs. Pike fishing has been very good on Barden too, with fish to mid double figure.

The Old Ballast Pit is still producing Carp to nearly 30lbs, Bream to 9lbs and some small Pike.

Since re-opening, the New Lagoon has fished well with Bream to 6lbs, Tench to over 5lbs and Carp to 9lbs. **Cristian Pupazan** took his young son **Eric** for his first visit to the New Lagoon and absolutely loved it, catching Carp and Bream. Some good reports from the river, especially **Stewart Cottingham's** 18lbs of quality Roach all caught on hemp in a match at the Six Arches. **Chris Maxwell** and **Russell Scott** have enjoyed some good Chub and Perch action on small lures.

Some of the Society members and Committee took part in the recent litter pick around Tonbridge Sports ground which was put together by Andrew Chadwick from the Angling Trust.

Despite the now very wet weather conditions, Society matches are still being well attended and plenty of fish being caught. In the latest **Houghton Cup match at Hartlake Bridge upstream**, with the river being coloured and pushing through, **Larry Howard** caught a 2lbs 3ozs Chub and a 3lbs 7ozs Bream using his trusty bread as hookbait. Our Match Championship looks to be a very tight affair in the second half of the season, with the top 3 being just ounces apart recently. The Society continue with work projects around our waters and the latest job was improving the swims at Pippins Farm.



Oscar wins at Elphicks!

Peter North sent in this report: "Myself and Oscar had a wet and windy 24hrs on Sandwich Lake at Elphicks Fisheries. Unfortunately it was a blank for me, but Oscar managed to catch 5 fish: a small one of about 1lb, 11lbs 2ozs, 14lbs 1oz, 15lbs 2ozs and a new PB ghost carp of 19lbs 15ozs! Oscar had set a himself a target of a ghost carp or a 20lbs carp and although the ghostie was 1oz short of the magical 20lb mark he was over the moon with his catch!" **Regards, Pete**



Angling Societies

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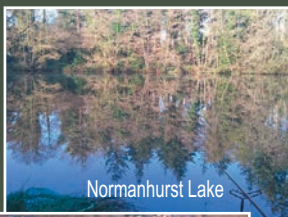
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4th	Ian Harrington	60lbs 8ozs

ORCHARD PLACE FARM - 26/10/22

1st	John Pantrey	165lbs 8ozs
2nd	John Stepton	145lbs 8ozs
3rd	Ade Marshall	137lbs
4th	Simon Dixon	132lbs 4ozs
5th	Del Lockwood	121lbs 4ozs

ORCHARD PLACE FARM - 16/11/22

A lot harder than of late and a much closer match.
Plenty of rain and mud...!

1st	Simon Dixon	67lbs 8ozs
2nd	Paul Wiltshire	65lbs 8ozs
3rd	Ray Wood	61lbs
4th	Bill Short	55lbs 8ozs
5th	Terry Golding	53lbs 12ozs
6th	Trev Carmen	51lbs

Great Autumn session at Furnace Brook Fishery!

Daniel Read sent in this great report following a memorable session at the lovely Furnace Brook Fishery in Sussex with Phil and young Ashton Holford:

"I recently took a trip to a day ticket water not too far from home, Furnace Brook Fishery at Cowbeech and this was my second time there. After catching a 22lbs 8ozs (supposedly the biggest known) on my previous trip, I didn't think I could top it! Furnace Brook Fishery is around 5/6 acres in size, tree lined and overhanging margins and roughly 5.5ft average. I had previously fished the 'double' swim and this time returning with friends I was going for the same swim. We arrived to find that the swim was being re-dug out and was closed off so we set up just one swim along from there still being able to access the far margin spot I had fish on previously. We arrived as it was getting dark around 4pm on the Friday evening, bivvy set up, rods out with new baits sent to me by Marginz Baits. I just had a cuppa when the left hand rod burst into life, an epic battle landed a 19lbs common. That wasn't all, the fish kept coming that night with 7 fish landed the smallest being 15lbs 5ozs!



Ashton
19lbs new PB



The next morning things slowed up, but showed it was more of a 'night bite' time with only two fish during the day. Around 8pm my two rods in the far margin both on a Ronnie rig, a size 4 curv shank hook and Marginz Bait monster crab were back in action again and I had a further four fish before bringing the two rods in at around 1am Sunday morning and leaving the quietest rod out until dawn. The last fish was a 21lbs mirror with a mouth the size of a tennis ball and a head to match!

It really was a 'red letter' session with a total of 12 fish for myself, one being a surprise barbel and my first! My nephew Ashton also beat his PB now set at 19lbs on the nose and his dad Phil also smashed his PB now set at 20lbs 1oz. A massive shout out to Marginz Baits for the amazing pop ups that made this session happen."

Daniel, Ashton and Phil



Phil Holford



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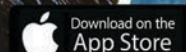
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Jamie Cause sent in this report after a day's fishing at Paddock Wood with son Freddie:



"We took Freddie, aged 5, to Orchard Place Farm for some fishing as that was his birthday wish.

What a cracking day it was! We had around 20 fish and Freddie also picked up the 12ft rod and played in a few fish on it, not bad for his first go bottom fishing.

I didn't get to use my rods much today!"

Regards,
Jamie and Freddie



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Joining the dots to success!

The one thing I do know is, I don't know it all – far from it! In saying that, I do believe, and there is tons of evidence to support, that replicating established tactics within angling goes a long way to consistent results.

If you look at all areas within modern angling, bar one, you see consistent approaches that never move far away from the proven and that give successful angling results time after time. I believe match fishing is the best evidence where anglers are truly successful if they are winning, week in and week out. Over the years they have refined their tactics to be as unobtrusive as possible, to be as accurate as they can, to focus on bite indication and to take bait preparation to the highest level. Within the all important subject of bait, they also fully embrace naturals, from casters and pinkies through to maggots and worms.

I have match fished, not to a high level having only won a couple of matches in my whole life, and have always enjoyed that extra bit of excitement they give. And from a young age, the older match anglers proved that by replicating their successful tactics caught us far more fish. That is not to say you don't experiment on the day, but you don't go wildly off track, especially when it shows your catch rate keeps on dropping and dropping. The great match anglers, as part of their watercraft, will also keep an eye on their fellow competitors, and if one suddenly starts catching more in the upper levels the savvy ones soon follow.

Now I move onto a subject that is a mystery to me: modern carp fishing. This is one area that goes completely against the accepted where hours, days and weeks spent bankside with not the results you would expect from such time dedicated. This feature is not designed to be negative, but actually to be a positive by highlighting this angling 'anomaly' and questioning why so many who follow the modern narrative within the carp scene could seriously improve their results.

By owning fisheries I have seen a lot and the one thing that shocks is that modern carp angling seems to completely ignore so much of the successful approaches that we know will catch you more. In many ways, it is completely the opposite with clunky and obtrusive terminal tackle, poor bait application and zero thought into actually what the ingredients of the bait are. If a bait has no food content then it is a lure and, again, another proven angling fact is that quality bait will always outfish poor quality bait. Alongside this, I have seen so many times where one angler is successful on how they are approaching the day, but those around completely ignore and stick to their blanking.

I understand brand loyalty, but to the extent where you are not catching as much as you should really is beyond me. If I was fly fishing and the angler next to me was catching on a different fly would I ignore? No – and I would be begging for the same fly if I didn't have one on me! The power of naturals is also completely overlooked, when they certainly have a time and place in all areas of angling including carp fishing, and naturals also include the likes of hemp, tares and corn.



One recent example is I had two very dear friends, Sue and Renee, fish my new lake complex, Ashmansworthy Pools. The lakes are not open until next March, but I want them fished for two reasons. Firstly, to put some angling pressure on the fish and secondly, to monitor growth rates. The latter is particularly important for me with a unique feed programme in place, and catching them is the only way to evaluate their healthy growth rates.



I designed the Stonze System as a rounded and very consistent approach which really focuses on all I have learnt over the years, i.e. to be as unobtrusive as possible with a rig that I cannot beat for its consistency (Steamlink and Gripz) alongside a choice of baiting approaches which very much includes the 'Old School' HNV (High Nutritional Value) baits, as both hook baits and free offerings. You move away from the overall success by changing any part of the 'System' at your own peril and the following is a great example of just such!

I knew Sue had been catching consistently, but Renee had not had a bite which I immediately thought was strange and so popped down to see if I could help. I have mentioned here before I get a real buzz from helping others to catch more, probably now far more than catching myself and here was a potential opportunity to help. Renee is also open to learning where some, strangely, have been offended with such offers – surely every day can be a school day? Renee showed me her terminal approach and it was so very far away from the Stonze System as designed, you break one link in the chain and your results will definitely suffer. On the flip side, Sue was replicating the Stonze System and catching. Renee's main issue to me was her rig. It just did not make sense, in my humble opinion. Whereas Sue

had replicated my Steamlink rig to perfection and her first fish had been a stunning 26lbs Mirror.

The only other thing Renee hadn't been doing was loading her Stonze with high quality Method mix (Daphnia and Maggot Crush was Sue's choice), another massive link in the chain which was broken by not including. I sat with Renee and we went through the rig step by step and it wouldn't be long before she was making her own rigs that would certainly work, and over the next couple of days – well the proof is in the pudding, as they say! It wasn't long after me leaving her swim that she was into action and not only landing her first fish, but went on to landing her new personal best carp – a huge well done, Renee!

So the bones to my piece is think about, and learn from, other areas of angling and question the narrative of the modern carp scene, as in some areas it really is questionable! By joining those angling 'dots' you can improve your catch rate so quickly, whereas following some of the more questionable approaches within modern carp fishing will do the exact opposite.

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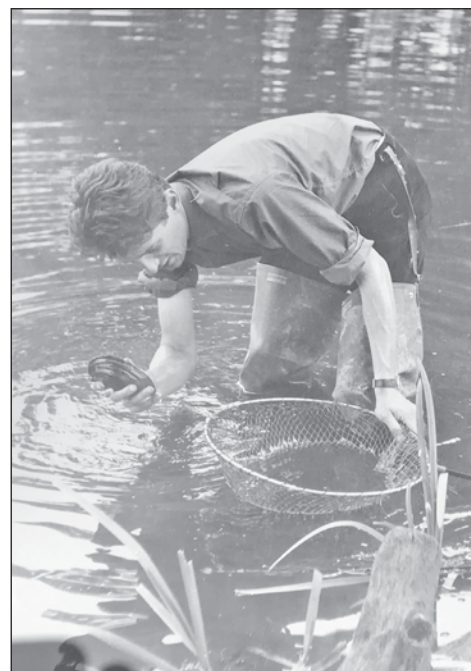
How the Catfish came to Britain – PART FOUR

In this, my final chapter of the Catfish story, I am making a dire warning about the rapid spread of this ferocious non-indigenous specie to our already rundown rivers systems. They are now present in hundreds of lakes and rivers to 150lbs and are breeding and growing at such alarming rates that they will soon completely take over!

Down in the SW of France on the Lot and Garonne river system near to the town of Aiguillon, friends of mine tell me that huge packs of marauding Wels catfish wait at the foot of weirs on the river and take live pigeons from the sill, a few inches above the water line. You can see some astonishing videos on YouTube of their carnivorous behaviour, they don't have such wide mouths for nothing!

Unless we are not careful, the European Catfish (*Silurus glanis*), Wels or Danubian Catfish will take over and decimate our 20 native species of indigenous fish which have inhabited our country for thousands of years. They love the new hotter weather that we are experiencing with global warming, and along with the Great White Shark, we will see more of them in the coming years, but not in the Medway, I hope, although they are already present! The Environment Agency is not happy with the situation, most older anglers are not happy, and I am becoming increasingly concerned with their dominant habitation in many of our new commercial fisheries. The old Kent River Board would never have let this happen, and Barry, our editor will not entertain a catfish on the front cover to compliment this article! The British rod caught record fish committee also refuse to include it in their yearly record lists, as it's not a native specie, so we never get to know exactly what the current rod caught record is. Well, what about the Zander then, that is not a native specie, and they include it in their list? The record zander is currently 22lbs from Grafham, by the way.

England's biggest cat is 147lbs from lakes in Norfolk and Essex, so we have a long way to go before we reach the European record of 310lbs from the River Po in Italy, the Ebro and the Dnieper. River system in Ukraine! This ferocious predator eats anything that moves, and woe betide if they ever get into our reservoirs and grow on to become 300lbs monsters! Jeremy Wade could well be investigating the disappearance of a boatload of trout anglers from Bewl Water!



Dave Cruickshank collecting Swan Mussels from the Claydon Reed fringed margins



**Richard Bray
43lbs Wilstone Reservoir
Tring Sept 1970. The last recorded record.**

By 1990, Kevin Maddox in his book on catfish listed 33 waters that held them, and by 2010 this number had increased to

350 lakes according to the Medlar book on Catfish. I would never have dreamed 54 years ago, after my first cat, that Kent and Sussex would be producing fish of 75-95 lbs in weight from landlocked commercial fisheries all just available on a day ticket.

My early days at Claydon were inspirational and ground breaking. It was the middle lake that held the Catfish, the lower stream fed lake was run by the Calvert Brick Works A.C. and was great for Tench in the 50s and 60s. Jim Brennan was the bailiff who lived nearby in an old farm cottage on the estate, and woe betide if you broke the rules of left any litter, long gone now, he was 50 when I knew him and used to pop in for a cup of tea! One day in Sept 1970 we were fishing at Claydon having just landed fish of 12, 15 and 20lbs, when Dave Boothroyd arrived in a bit of a huff from nearby Tring, 10 miles away, with news of a huge capture there that day, which later filled the front page of the old Anglers Mail that week. Evidently, Frank Gutfeld was there photographing a huge 43lbs catfish that Richard Bray had caught, and would we like to go and have a look! So off we all went on a wild goose chase to Wilstone Reservoir at Tring to look at this huge beast, but of course by the time we got there several hours later they had all gone home and the fish had presumably been returned to the water although some say it either died, was sent to London Zoo or was killed. It was never caught again as far as I know. Sadly all the protagonists of the day are now no longer with us. This fish set the angling world alight, the largest freshwater fish ever caught in England, and it set the tone for what we have today.

It was originally accepted as a new British record, and there it has stayed for 53 years despite bigger fish now being caught each and every day, the record fish committee refusing to acknowledge any larger fish to this day.



Catfishing has become big business in Spain on the Rio Ebro and tributary near a place called Marquenza, inland from Valencia, where 200lbs catfish are caught on beachcasters and the like from below the Hydro Electric Dam, big carp and roach too, according to Phil Smith. Tony Meers has had huge cats from here and the river Po in Italy in the past, and Kevin Maddox has written about his exploits on the Dnieper river in Ukraine in happier times. Cats are all over Europe, and expeditions of young fit anglers set off each year on the quest to catch a 200lb er. No good for a 77 year old with a dicky back! I've never been tempted, even though I visit the Costas every year, but the Ebro is 300 miles north of me here near Alicante.

My numerous large catfish were all caught between 1968 and 1972, when such fish were unheard of in our country, and some are even now resident only 2 miles from my house in the Stour Valley, who would have predicted this 54 years ago! Many anglers hate catfish and would have them forcibly removed from all carp and tench lakes and some fisheries have done just that and have designated catfish lakes where they can eat all and sundry to their hearts content!

During the summer of '71 when we ended our campaign, four new characters appeared on the scene and started asking questions about the catfishing at Claydon and Woburn lakes. Sonny Wing, Vic Bellars, Roy Cox and Bob Baldock took it all forward into the 1970s and beyond, and Phil Smith and Kevin Maddox soon joined them taking catfishing to a new level, and starting the catfish club. I was off on the Tench and Trout trail by then and never returned to Claydon. There was also a group of prison officers from nearby Grendon Underwood Prison, led by Paul Martin, who had great success with the catfish of Claydon Lake.

On June 16th 1969 I caught four catfish before breakfast on that memorable day, all on mussel fished in 4 feet of water over on the far bank, fish of 12,13,15 and 17lbs, which remains my best ever catch in a long fishing career spanning 66 years, nothing compared to what you lads are catching today of course, but unique in those far off days. I won several rods for that catch and

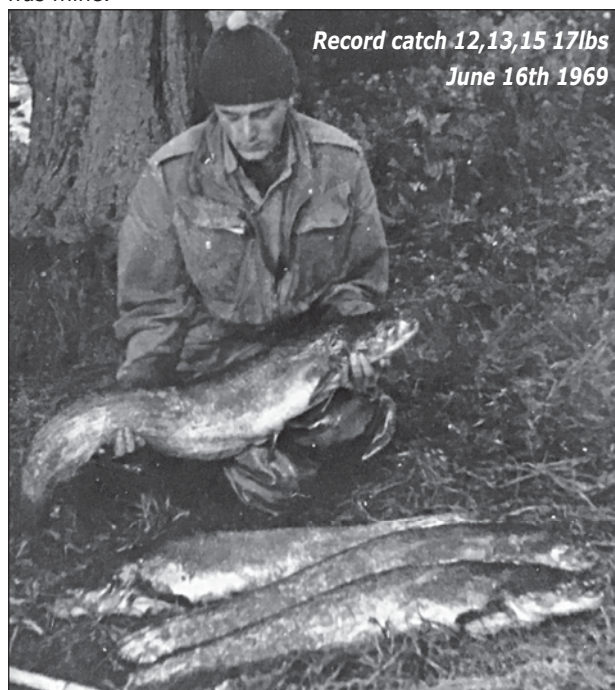


Brace of 15 and 17lbs - July 1970



Roy Cox - July 1971

was on the front page of the old Anglers Mail! We all have our Red Letter Day and that was mine.



Record catch 12,13,15 17lbs
June 16th 1969

My wife Sandy and I are off on a Rhine and Danube river cruise soon, where I see that Catfish and Zander are on the menu! That's taking locally sourced produce a bit too far, doubt if I will partake, although that could be the answer to the catfish problem! Trouble is, in Hungary they love a mirror carp as well on the table, especially at Christmas time, with a pint of German Rauchbier from Bamberg!

Very best wishes
from me and I
hope you all have a
great Christmas!
Bob Rolph

Richard Brays former record catfish of late Sept 1970 from Wilstone Reservoir Tring in fact weighed in at 43lbs 8ozs and was weighed and photographed by the eminent angler Frank Guttfield who was tench fishing there at the time. Richard was pike fishing at the time, but the fish died and was offered to the London Zoo, who declined.

However, it was later set up, and is now to be seen in Tring Natural History Museum. Other catfish up to 38lbs have since been taken from Tring and Marsworth Reservoir produced big ones in the 1930s. No one knew that there were any in Wilstone at the time of the capture! Richard evidently gave up fishing many years ago, but remains a legendary name in the world of big fish angling. It was the second largest freshwater catch in England, after Richard Walker's record carp of 44 lbs in Sept 1952. Frank Guttfield died 7 years ago.

Medway Man

Bob Morris

First up this time, of course, I must wish readers of this column a **'Very Happy Christmas'!** I am also extremely pleased to announce that my new book 'Tales of a Medway Man' is now available and can be obtained directly from myself on 01322 866015 and also from Pets & Bows at West Kingsdown. All enquiries, including trade, are welcome. There will be a book signing evening at the Chequers pub at Darenth on Wednesday 7th December from 6pm. See the advert for further details.

I have actually not been doing too well on the fishing front of late with the Pike campaign/results having been brought to a halt (I suspect) by the coloured water on most of the sections of river that I have been trying to fish. I have mentioned before that these are my least favourite conditions for river piking and here is more proof of that. Weather has remained fairly mild and what action I have had recently has turned out to be from Eels. Since the long awaited arrival of the autumn rains I have had a few trips to try my luck on the barbel front but although high water and even floods can be productive, the amount of flotsam in the way of leaves and other debris whizzing past can make fishing, even with very heavy weights, a real chore! I am persisting with this however and I am sure that my efforts will eventually pay off.

Something that I have been meaning to talk about recently is the greatly increasing numbers of Girls/ Women getting involved in the world of fishing over the last decade or so. This is great to see and I can't help feeling that it is a really healthy development for the long term future of our sport. The efforts and involvement of girls like Beverly Clifford who have really helped to popularise Carp fishing, and fishing in general forming successful womens teams and organisations and promoting this through social media has been an extremely positive development - as has the current escalation in interest/involvement in



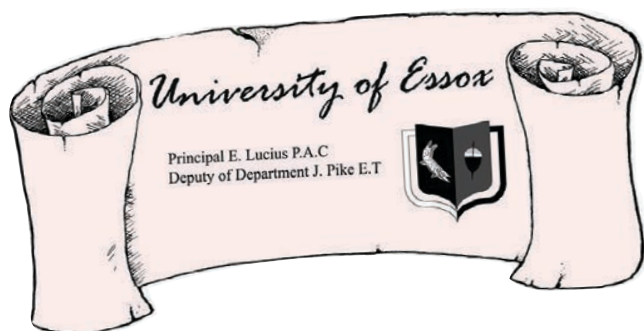
Nicola Osgood - 43lbs 6ozs

women's football, rugby etc.

For the first 30 years or so of my angling career there appeared to be no real increase in the numbers of female anglers and it was indeed a rarity to find any at all on the bankside. A couple of weeks back I bumped into a couple

who were pike fishing close by and I was amazed and delighted to talk to this lady about recent developments and advances in tackle /techniques and even political issues affecting our sport. Strangely enough by coincidence a week later I was sent a report by another lady, Nicola Osgood, who has been Carp fishing for a while and recently has taken a great brace of fish at Elphicks Fishery. Having managed to land a PB of 39lbs 12ozs she then went on to top it with this superb 43lbs 6ozs fish. Although I rarely feature news stories in this column, I felt that this one was particularly relevant and fitted in well with the topic of female anglers - well done that woman.

Talking of features, I have been continuing with my experiments on the pike front or the 'University of Esox' as I like to call it and thought that this might be an idea for a regular or semi-regular slot on this column, at least during the winter months - particularly when I have, perhaps, not caught much to talk about.



Bob is continuing his pike studies

As you probably know, I now use single hooks for my piking and usually these are used in conjunction with a hair rig. I currently have two methods of attaching my small deadbaits to these rigs. My favourite is the one pictured here.

It involves making a small hole through the deadbait at the appropriate point and then passing an electrical zip-tie through both this and the loop on the hair rig - for which I normally use a strong braid. This is then zipped up to form a strong attachment, with the flat section of the plastic tie helping to prevent it tearing through the bait on the cast. This system has proved very successful and it is normal for the bait to still be on when the pike is landed. Although this is my standard set-up for attaching baits, I sometimes use a simple boilie bayonet on the hair when fishing at close range. The reason for this is that even though I have little evidence of it happening with the previous method, I often worried that when a bait stayed attached to pike end tackles, of old, I felt that it gave the pike more chance of shaking the hooks free. With the bayonet method, you rarely get a bait back, which completely removes this possibility - although, as I said this is mainly a close range option.



Bob's zip-tie rig



Float experiments are on the curriculum

I have also been experimenting with different trace materials for piking recently - after all, as long as they can't bite through it! Float trials are also on the agenda this winter. I will keep you posted on the results of my pike experiments on a regular basis. Also there is more from the 'University' in my new book Tales of a Medway Man Available now.

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Hello and welcome to the December edition of Junior Informer!

2022 has certainly passed by very quickly and Christmas is almost upon us once again! I daresay everyone is very excited about the coming festive season and you have all passed on your 'wish lists' to Santa. I do hope that your Christmas stockings are full of fishing goodies!

This year has certainly seen lots of amazing catch reports from our junior anglers and we have seen more catch photos than ever before each month. I do hope that you have all enjoyed your fishing trips even if sometimes you may have had a fishless day, it happens to all of us at times believe me! As mentioned last month, the fishing does get harder at this time of year, but there are still some lovely fish to be caught. Perch and roach are looking their best and the colours on these fish are amazing when caught during the winter months. Simple float tactics work well for both species and the bigger perch do like to find somewhere to hide up ready to ambush unwary bait fish, so margin fishing up against features often works well. You may even get a surprise take from a pike that comes along to investigate!

Do remember to wrap up warm and have some hot drinks and food with you and be careful on the banks as they can get very muddy and slippery!

From all of us at the Freshwater Informer, we wish you a very Happy Christmas!

A future angling star!



Terry Humphrey sent in this great report of his nephew Teddy and the lad's love of fishing: "I thought I'd share these photos of my 13 year old nephew Teddy Humphrey catching his new Pike PBs, first one of 13lbs and then of 18lbs 14ozs. Teddy has only recently got into Pike fishing, he started coarse fishing two year ago, and is now hooked on Pike fishing. He goes lure fishing on a private lake where he lives in Dartford. Teddy is so eager to get out fishing he comes home from school, grabs his 8ft spinning rod and a net, and runs over to his favourite swim to get a couple of hours fishing before his dinner, without even changing out of his school uniform! He has been catching plenty of jack pike and perch and was recently challenged with these two beauties weighing 13lbs and 18lbs 14ozs. I know he would be over the moon if he got his picture into the magazine." **Many thanks, Terry and Teddy**



George does well at Wylands!

Christopher Everett sent in this report: "We booked on to Middle Lake at Wylands Fishery for a 36 hours session from Saturday morning 7am to 7pm Sunday. My son



George Everett landed his PB 20lbs common. He trickle fed a nice spot tight to the margins with 4mm pellet and then placed a Snowman rig, size 6 hook, 15mm spicy crab Mainline boilie topped with a 12mm pineapple pop up from Sticky Baits.

He was getting regular small bites on his alarm and eventually the fish roared off. It was caught at around 2pm. He then beat his PB with this 21lbs 8ozs common at 4am on the same rig, but this time from the middle of the lake."

Regards, Christopher and George



Happy Days for Charley and Oscar!

A very happy Daddy Charley Lucas sent in this report:




"I took my eldest son Oscar for a day session at Bennetts DDAPS yesterday and the day was capped off with this stunner.

Memories made on the bank between father and son, it's what fishing is all about!"

Regards, Charley

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Mollie with a new PB of 9lbs



Charley and Oscar Lucas



George Everett - 21lbs 8ozs Wylands



Ellie 22lbs Tricklebrook



Mercy Devell



Finn Matthews 3lbs PB tench - Springwood Fishery



Lola at Edenbrook Fishery



Finlay Parker - Darent



Stanley Etherington



Madison at Edenbrook Fishery



Amy Sawyer - 22lbs 14ozs Knightingales



Archie Richards at Chequertree



Jamie and Riley - 42lbs 2ozs Lucks Lane

December update

by instructor Warren White



This time of year is never easy for coaching with the weather autumnal and with the winter approaching. Something that is often overlooked when you enter into becoming an angling coach is how much the weather plays in our fishing work, especially if you are going to coach all year round. Realistically, your main coaching work will be from May - November because the fish are on the feed and weather conditions are at their best, which is highlighted by the numbers of coaching events that go on in this period. When trying to get young people into Angling there is nothing worse than them not catching fish, so planning the right time to go and the venue to use is paramount!



Kian from Rowhill with a big Autumn perch



Classroom time!

It is at this time of the year with winter approaching that things can get hard, a frost over night that can send water temperatures plummeting on stillwaters which can cause the fish to switch off, so a change to our local rivers can be a good option, where the winter months as a general rule are the best time to fish running water.

My all year round work is with one particular SEN school, Rowhill school at Longfield who really believe in the benefits fishing has on their students

and want them to be doing an outdoor pursuit all year round. These students as well as going fishing do an accredited fishing course such as BTEC or Aims awards, so as the colder weather arrives in autumn it is important that the timing of the sessions are reduced, as the weather conditions are cold and the fishing is harder. We normally do a little paperwork towards the fishing course indoors and the reward for completing this work is to go fishing! Because the time between December and April can be tough for fishing we don't only go fishing! In the past we have volunteered for a local conservation group and got involved in making dams on a brook to stop flooding and taken part in litter picks at another fishery where we help the owner with plant control and general maintenance before we have a fish. All these fishing related tasks give the students new experiences and are hopefully enjoyable.

One piece of tackle that I have been really impressed with recently is a landing net handle from the Tackle Box at Dartford. I will be honest with you, the Tackle Box sponsor one of our schools on the Fishing for Schools programme and supply us with some rods and tackle for the work we do with schools and our mental health a disability groups. I know that the TB Darent Valley brand have a cult following for their rods which are quality built and excellent value money, but it was when using their own brand Darent Valley specialist extending handle, 1.6 - 3m, that I realised I had found a real gem for the sort of work I do with young people. One thing that goes with the territory when coaching young people is that throughout the coaching year there is a need to repair or replace landing net handles that occasionally get trod on by accident, but to be fair I bet most anglers have trodden on their landing net handle in the past, I know I have. However, the TB carbon handle is slim and strong and I have had children step on it, but have not done any damage. Another advantage is the length of the handle, which extends to 3m, which comes in handy when a student has got a float stuck high up in a tree when we tend to unscrew the landing net and then screw on a weed cutter, and due to the extra length of the handle and its strength, we can normally retrieve the tackle. In addition because of the length and strength of the handle if we accidentally hook a Carp while fishing for silver fish on a whip, we can net the fish further out. A quality piece of kit for the reasonable price of £34.99.



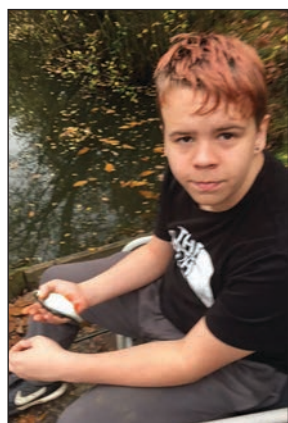
Fishery maintenance



Shorne Country Park

"A good session at Shorne Country Park. It was really foggy in the morning when travelling to the park and when I arrived there was no one fishing on the two lakes, I think the weather had a bit to do with that. The last time I visited the fishery it was low and really clear, but today it looked spot on, more cloudy and the water levels were up. There were plenty of silver fish caught, we have got to make the most of the mild weather when it happens as very soon it will be getting colder which will make these stillwaters harder to fish. A good day to practice using the disgorger. Thanks to T.W.A.P.S for the use of the lake."

A very Happy Christmas from all of us at Fishing for Schools!



The River Roamers: Learning Less Is More

by Alun Howell



It was sitting in the garden of Teapot Island eating warm apple crumble with ice cream, while watching my son and his friend fish for free, that I realised, I might have transformed into a lover of river roaming. That it was a beautifully warm autumn day; a spitfire was performing barrel roles overhead, and they had caught a pike almost first cast, certainly helped.

This new-found love of rambling the riverside,

started by chance, about a month before, after one last, end of school summer holidays, 48hr night fishing session, at the lovely Monk lakes. After two exciting, but pretty sleepless nights, followed by all the hassle of packing everything away, I found myself feeling simply too tired to drive the motorway journey back so, we decided to take the scenic route, promising we would stop for a drink and a rest as soon as we could.

As we went over the pretty Teston Bridge, the boys spotted someone fishing the river and asked if we could pull into the park to look around. I got a much needed coffee from the kiosk and we took a little stroll down to the bridge, then wandered upstream to the lock. The boys decided this is where they wanted to come next weekend and to be honest I was interested to see what it would be like fishing without the truck load of kit I had back in my van! All week the boys researched on You-Tube and through their various fishing video games exactly what we needed to switch from lakes to river fishing; what spots were best, what rigs/bait they needed and as music to my ears, how we should pack as little gear as possible. The following Saturday we arrived back at Teston park early, which was a bit of a mistake as the park doesn't open until 9. However, it gave us time to have a little scout about to see any fish action going on before getting our day tickets from the kiosk, along with another lovely coffee.



The first place we set up was just above the bridge and soon we were catching small roach and perch along with our first gudgeon. Downstream did seem a little more idyllic but signs said members only. This prompted us to move upstream and try out some of the other swims, until we got to the lock. I must admit I began to realise I was somewhat enjoying the freedom to move around, but still felt we had a bit too much kit and I seemed to be carrying most of it. I was also enjoying the fact there was a lot to see on the river; paddle borders of all ages, some with kids and even dogs as passengers, the odd boat, canoes and surprisingly, people fishing from arm chair sized inflatable boats with flippers on to propel them.

In the after-noon we decided to move above the lock, I had read there was less river traffic there and more chance of a pike, my son's goal. Above the lock certainly is very beautiful and as you go through the gate into the next field you really could be miles away from civilisation. The only new challenge was not fearing the rather long horned cows that grace the bank (and we had thought geese at the lakes were scary!). After a couple of hours with just a couple more roach and perch, I could see my son's hopes of catching his pike were fading, when suddenly I heard a massive splash and him scream. I ran across and I could see him breathing heavily, like he had had the shock of his life. As he had reeled the lure out of the water, a 'huge' pike had leapt clean out of the river and tried in vain to grab it, before landing on the bank and bouncing back into the water. The pike got away that time, but I could tell my son was hooked and knew next week we would be coming back to explore more of the Medway. We soon discovered you could get day-tickets online from the Maidstone Victory Angling Society, which would enable us to explore a lot more of the area. Although membership is closed for the year, a day ticket at £6.50 gives you an impressive number of miles to roam and some truly stunning places to fish.

Over the coming weeks, we did learn to take less and less kit, and at the same time, more of my son Beau's buddies asked to come along, most fishing for the first time. I thought kids from London might get bored strolling miles of riverbank, but the opposite proved to be the case, and seeing the excitement of them hooking into their first fish and working together to land them was a privilege. And finally, after us all switching to lures, Beau caught his pike and with some awesome teamwork, it was landed safely. We've had several trips to the Medway since, caught more perch, roach, bream, gudgeon, jack pike and more pike. But it's not just the fish, it's the simplicity of the fishing and the adventure of roaming the riverbank that I love. Driving home with a car full of exhausted kids, who will brag tomorrow at school about the fish they caught, is very satisfying.

Don't get me wrong though, we will still be going to the many beautiful lakes, but I must admit, knowing you just need to unpack a minimal amount of kit from the car, when you get home, also has its upside!

Alun Howell, his son Beau and his buddies



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Our family run Fishery was established in 1975 and we are one of the Top 50 Stillwater Trout Fisheries in the British Isles and a Trout Master Water. Our Fishery is also a picturesque Wedding Venue in July, August & early September when we are closed for Summer. Discover more at www.tenterden-trout-waters.co.uk/wedding-venue

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We would like to wish all our Anglers and Fishery Friends a very Happy Christmas & New Year. We look forward to welcoming you to Tenterden Trout Waters over the Christmas holidays for some exciting Winter fishing.

Tight Lines – Gaynor, Richard & Audrey

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Herstmonceux, East Sussex

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Please call the Lodge on 01323 832615 to sign up.

Limited to max 30 entrants – payment required to secure your spot



We have had several inches of much needed rain in the early weeks of November and as you would imagine this has greatly helped with the water levels - we're pleased to say that all 4 lakes are finally full. As many of you know, we are very lucky here in that the lakes do not colour up hugely with the rain as we do not get much run off from the fields so clarity remains very good. Brick Lake is the only lake that takes on colour but this generally clears within a day or two – and a shiny new cat's whisker still tempts the trout in any event.

Fishing has been fantastic recently with consistent regular catches. The fish of the month has to go to Bill Frances who caught a stunning 10lbs 12ozs Rainbow from Spring Lake. Uncommon for the double figure fish, it gave a very impressive fight and even took Bill down to the backing. It slipped out of his net twice so left him panicking that his barless blue flash damsel was going to lose the fish – thankfully it didn't and he bounded into the Lodge all smiles showing off his catch (and apparently it gave him full bragging rights at the pub that evening too!). The old favourite Rainbow Warrior fly is proving popular again now that the waters are much cooler, and Damsels are proving fruitful too.

We were thrilled to recently host a memorial day for the late John Carden with Eastbourne & District Fly Fishing Club. 18 anglers attended with partners and family joining for lunch. Of the 44 fish caught, the best fish was caught by **Nick Spicer** at 8lbs exactly and over £400 was raised on the day towards a memorial bench. Given that John spent his fishing life always trying for a nice Brownie but unfortunately not succeeding, it was fantastic to see 2 fine specimens landed during the morning's fishing too - one of which was caught by John's son!

We have released details of our Festive Competition which is to be held on 28th December. It is sure to be a fun and relaxed competition with bacon rolls, homemade soup and mince pies included in the cost, it'll be a good morning out in the middle of the festive period. If you are interested, please see our social media pages and website for more details. There you will also see that we are currently running a special offer on fly fishing lessons with Phil which could be a fantastic gift or a great chance for non fly fishers to give the sport a go!



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Andy Lush - The Friendly Fisherman

Drought what drought?

***What a month it's been, rain, more rain and then gale force winds!
Not what you want if you're a boat angler. So, this month I've been bank bound,
ducking and diving around several local trout fisheries!***

Lakedown – Burwash TN21 8UX [01435 883449]

Lakedown is one of the prettiest small trout waters I know, being local this is where I chose to try my luck first. With a months' worth of rain in the first week of November lakes 1 and 2 were unfishable, due to floodwater. However, lakes 3 and 4 were fishable and several keen anglers were already fishing when I arrived.

It was a damp dismal morning and I was keen to get some encouragement, so I asked the first angler I saw if the trout were feeding or not? The angler was Mike Kelly, he informed me he'd caught a fish early on but now his takes had dried up. The point on lake 3 opposite Mike was free so I decided to fish there. Gradually the sun burnt the mist off and it turned into a very pleasant day. It was as if someone had flicked a switch, as fish started showing everywhere. Trout were circulating around the whole lake with the odd one popping up in open water, halfway between Mike and myself. Try as I might I couldn't get a take casting into this area. My next ploy was to cast into quiet spots that hadn't seen a fly line or flies this morning. Suddenly a fish rose close to the bank, under some bushes, almost behind my casting position on the point. A quick cast saw my floating line and hot head Damsel nymph cover the receding ripples and instantly I felt the line tighten, fish on! I netted my first fish of the day, always a relief. I despatched it, then using my marrow spoon I scooped its stomach contents to see what it was feeding on. Examining the stomach contents helps to identify the food source, which should influence your fly choice, and also your presentation.

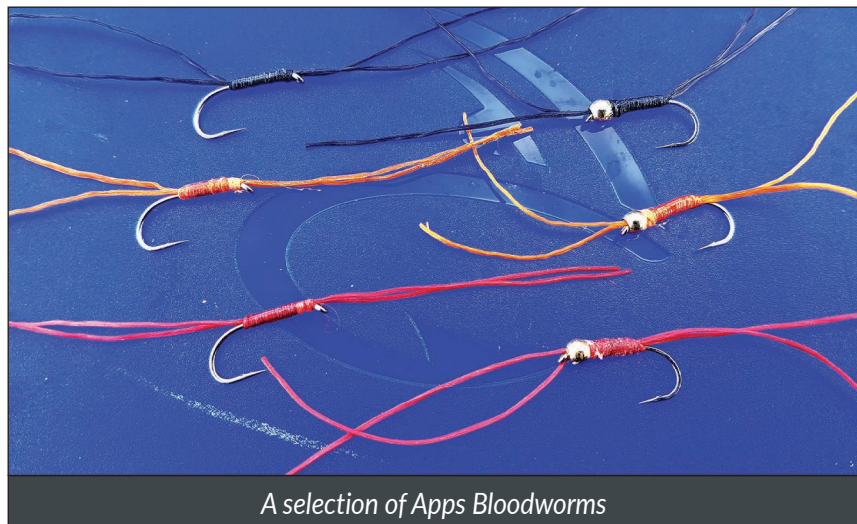
The result of my spooning was conclusive, it was jam packed with Daphnia. This miniscule water flea is like a freshwater plankton, and trout consume it in large quantities. Although too small to imitate, flies that are orange or have "hot spots" of orange in their heads or tails are very successful at Lakedown.

After this initial success I was unable to capitalise on my findings. A change was required so I switched to an intermediate line and cast into an area I hadn't covered until then. I counted my fly line down to twenty, to search much deeper than I'd been fishing. As I started the retrieve, I instantly felt heavy resistance as a fish grabbed my Montana nymph. I was now confused! I had caught two fish, on two different flies, on different lines, fished at different depths! Another quick spooning revealed no food, so I was none the wiser.

I noticed an angler further down the lake, opposite me was catching fish regularly. He was using a floating line, retrieving quickly, soon after casting out. From this I deduced the trout were shallow and were prepared to chase. I also noticed the trout were coming from the central stream bed where the lake narrows. If the fish were travelling further up this channel, I would be able to reach them too. Making long casts down-wind, I started getting takes "on the drop" or shortly after starting my retrieve. I added a third fish to my tally but had to keep changing flies to continue getting chances. Gradually the action slowed and takes became infrequent. As the light faded, I started to tire and decided enough was enough. A tough and challenging day, although I'd caught a few fish I'd never really got to grips with what the trout were doing. Oh well, you can't win them all!



Marrow spoon with Daphnia



A selection of Apps Bloodworms

Chalybeate Springs – Eridge TN3 9JA [07583 071871]

This was the first visit in ages, on arrival I saw Jim Streeter overseeing a new delivery of stock fish being unloaded. I'm always reluctant to fish where fresh fish are being stocked. On reservoirs I would head as far away as possible, but on this occasion it was impossible as Chalybeate is a small water. I needn't have worried as these stockies were eager to explore their new surroundings and weren't at all interested in what I had on offer.

Some resident fish had been rising occasionally in front of me. I'd been watching their movements for some time but couldn't predict where or when they were going to show next. So it was a matter of casting and retrieving my fly as close to the surface as possible without creating too much disturbance. I was sure these fish were feeding but whatever it was had to be small, because try as I might I couldn't see what it was. I eventually opted for a size 14 G.R.H.E. [Gold Ribbed Hares Ear] nymph.

Fished with long slow smooth pulls, I was able to keep the nymph within inches of the surface. Two fish fell to this method, but it wasn't the answer as I still saw plenty of fish that didn't respond to this tactic.

I returned a couple of weeks later hoping the water wouldn't be too coloured after all the rain. Thankfully it was ok, but again there were fish showing in the shallow end that appeared to be feeding, again I struggled to see what they were taking. I opted to use an unweighted red Apps bloodworm fished on a floating line. Using a jerky retrieve flexes the span-flex legs and these legs also slow the flies sink rate, when I pause the retrieve. I had instant success when I covered a rising fish close to my margin. I cast my Apps across the disturbed water, paused and watched the leader intently when suddenly it drew tight, a quick lift and I was into a fish. However, I failed to catch another fish while prospecting, fan casting and retrieving, through the area where I'd seen most activity.

Plan B was to fish a small dry fly. On my previous visit I'd seen enough evidence of surface feeding fish to encourage me to give it a go, especially as nymphing wasn't as successful as I'd hoped. I selected a size 14 'Bob's Bits' Bibio, a very small, ragged black fly. Instant success, first cast! Quickly followed by two further fish in a matter of minutes! I was still casting blind, fan casting close to some isolated weeds, within easy casting range. Frequent casting is a very successful tactic with dry flies. As the fly lands it often induces a fish to instantly rise, after that just leave the fly static for about a minute before lifting off and re-casting to another area. Buoyed up by my success and the fact that very few fish had been caught by the other anglers led me to believe I'd cracked the method today.

I moved away from the shallows down towards the deeper dam end. Out of interest I switched back to the Apps bloodworm and caught two fish quickly, after missing a third fish I decided to change back to the dry fly. I was keen to see what reaction the Bob's Bits would get as fish were now regularly rising in front of me. I didn't have to wait long, in fact first cast was all it took. The scaled down dry was the answer and it confirmed that the fish were still behaving in a similar way to my previous visit, lesson learned!

Chequertree - Bethersden TN26 3JR [01233 820078]



A lean mean fighting machine

This small fishery is situated between Ashford and Tenterden and has a relaxed atmosphere. As I usually fish there mid-week, I rarely bump into another angler, which suits me just fine as I can mooch around the lake resting swims when takes dry up. On my recent trip I was keen to try a new tactic, fishing two unweighted Apps bloodworms, droppers are allowed here by the way. I was using a floating line and retrieved ultra-slowly, buzzer style. Again, on a previous trip I'd seen fish sipping in food, either off or just under the surface. On my first few casts I tried different countdowns, in an effort to establish what depth the fish were feeding at. I also tried a mixture of retrieve patterns, first a slow figure of eight, then slow short smooth pulls and sometimes short jerky pulls that flex the elastic span-flex legs of the Apps bloodworms. My point fly was red while my dropper fly was amber. The first two fish took the red point fly, as I paused the retrieve letting the flies slowly sink through the water column. After that I switched the flies' positions, amber on the point and red on the dropper. To my surprise the next two fish took the red dropper fly, so the colour was more important than the depth which is very unusual. My next change was to try a black Apps on the point, this failed completely which again was a surprise as black is such a successful colour for any fly during the colder months.

I moved spots after every second fish I caught, this forced me to fish areas I didn't favour. By mid-morning I was fishing directly opposite where I'd started. I'd reverted back to red Apps on the point and an amber Apps on the dropper. I was counting down to twenty before starting the retrieve now, as the fish had gone much deeper, since the sun had burnt the mist off. This long pause after casting gave the fish ample opportunity to intercept my flies "on the drop" if they were shallower than I expected. I varied the retrieves, starting with a slow smooth pulls or slow figure of eight, before accelerating into a series of short fast jerky pulls, then abruptly stopping the retrieve letting the flies free fall down again. This rise and fall tactic accounted to several more fish which took savagely as the flies died and fell on the spot.

The action was fast and furious once I'd sussed the method, so much so that it was difficult to drag myself away. It was only the fading light that made me stop, I was having that much FUN!



Tight lines, Andy Lush



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