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Hello and welcome.... To issue 69.

Here we are... Halloween has passed and the spooks have gone back for another 12 months, so now we turn our attention to the coming winter. And as such we have a chat with Jules about this in the latest Talking Point piece inside this issue... the do's and don'ts that could very well give you a great winters carping.

We also have a great techy piece from Richard Handel as he talks you through getting the most out of your latest Deeper Chirp2+.

Also inside this issue we have a great piece from Barrie Scholes as he talks about fishing the commercials... sometimes it's just great getting out there and getting your string pulled!!

Add to that a whole host of articles from Joe Turnbull with some great photography tips, Scott Grant with more carp bothering amongst others.. reviews from Anthony Woods and John Flewin and of course our catch report section... Are you in this month? If not...why not? Keep those catch reports coming... we welcome everyone here at Talking Carp.

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Talking Point



*with Julian Cundiff
and Brian Dixon*



TALKING POINT... WINTER FISHING

with Julian Cundiff

This month we welcome back Jules and have a chat about the coming winter. A time of year when some of you may pack your gear away, or a time of year when some of you get the extra winter gear out... each to their own we always say....., but are you missing out on some prime carp angling?

T.C. Welcome back for the November issue Jules, a pleasure as always. This issue we would like to talk a little bit about winter fishing if we may. The highs, the lows, the dos and the don'ts... Now as we have said, winter is now upon us so is this a time when you pack your gear away in a nice snug warm room or will you still be casting a line when you can?

J.C. Hi guys and thanks as ever for the questions. I don't want to be a killjoy but 'technically' winter in the UK runs from the 21st of December but in all honesty that's not how I see it.

Spring... March and April to maybe early May

Summer... Early May to late August

Autumn... September to early / mid-November

Winter ... Mid to end of November to end of February

Just how I see it of course... Pack away my gear? Never. From becoming a specialist angler in the early eighties I've always fished all year round; in the early days for pike in the winter but from the late



eighties onwards carp all twelve months. Even when I worked from 1980 to 2018 I may well not have done many overnights when the clocks changed in late October, but I'd do weekend days and when possible Sunday into Monday morning. Believe me packing away at 5.30 am on a freezing cold February morning teaches you hard work. It certainly taught me that there was no shortcuts to success unless you put time, effort and research in.

T.C. I find winter a wonderful time of year to be out there catching carp when I can. The days are short, the nights are long, the opportunity of a feeding spell diminishes greatly, but when you land that one fish, in full winter colours, with a beautiful winter scene behind you, it makes a picture that really does tell a thousand words don't you think?

J.C. To be honest I'm happy to catch carp any month of the year but any carp caught in the colder months usually takes a lot more catching so that it kind of feels more rewarding. If I'm being brutally honest it's a lot like hard work from now till April but the fact that

it is coupled with less anglers on the bank means it definitely has a certain appeal.

T.C. Overnight fishing in winter... is this still something you do yourself now or will you be making the most of the daylight and spend your evenings at home?



Best of both worlds. Scopex and Strawberry crumb



Over bait I'd always add corn

J.C. If the venues allow it yes but sadly (or maybe thankfully.....) a number of my winter venues are dawn to dusk or at best 7 am to 7 pm. Retirement has taught me that although more time equals more carp timing is everything if you are not gonna simply bore them out (each to their own of course). I find that from late October onwards on a lot of my waters bite time is mid to late afternoon onwards with not much

after 10 pm. For that reason, I do a lot of noon to 10 pm sessions mid-week but keep an eye out as to how the weekenders are doing. If the guys fishing Friday and Saturday nights are catching 10 pm to dawn then I change my fishing times accordingly.... but mid-week. The best advice I can give Talking Carp readers is go as much as you can over a twenty four hour period but keep an eye out on what is working, or not working for others.

T.C. So for those new to the sport, or those venturing out to do their first winter campaign, we always advise on the having spare clothes, batteries, food and a blanket in the back of the car... what advice would you give to get someone started?

J.C. Absolutely simple. If it's your first go at cold water / winter carp fishing pick somewhere with a good proven and up to date winter pedigree. Not somewhere that used to be good, or was good in winter 2020 but somewhere that is doing lots of cold water carp NOW. Better to fish once a month on somewhere PROLIFIC than once a week on somewhere with no form. No amount of spare clothes, batteries, food



and blankets can trump a cracking winter venue. Linear, Norton Disney, Girton, Drayton, Catch 22, Thorpe Lea, Lindholme, Willow etc.....

T.C. Onto the fishing side of things... In winter you cannot simply rock up to a peg and hope the fish will come to you because we have found that in most of the waters I fish, 75% of the lake will not see a carp for the next three months.... what would you say would be a good starting point when you arrive at the lake?

J.C. You are definitely fishing the wrong cold water venue then mate...!!! All about research which starts with picking the right water to start with. Let's presume you are on a water which has a decent winter pedigree.

These are my priorities

- a) Which swims have been producing this week or last week and has the weather changed at all?
- b) Which swims normally produce in the colder months?
- c) If a carp shows visually can I get a bait on it or move to it?
- d) Any fizzing, bubbling, swirls, coloured water?
- e) Which swims are protected from the coldest winds?



They love the margins next to the reeds



- f) Which swims get the most sun?
- g) Reeds and snags
- h) Access to the middle of the lake and quietest areas out of most angler pressure

Those are my starting points with a) and c) MOST important

T.C. Does your baiting tactics change much for the winter? Plenty of anglers out there seem to use the “little and often” approach, but is there a little tip or trick you may use in your own fishing that you could share with the readers ?

J.C. Unless I am on a water where I almost have it to myself less is definitely more. Say I'd been fishing it in the autumn with Scopex Squid then I'd probably use it in crumb or solid bags flitting between match the hatch pop ups or Hi-Viz ones. If it were a new water or occasional visit then Nashbait Strawberry Crush crumbed up instead. If a water was being regularly fed with fishery pellets, then

the crumb combined with fishery pellets 50/50 and as an edge grinding the pellet up a bit. As an experienced angler I know those two starting points PROBABLY will work. If you are less experienced then if you can find out WHAT IS WORKING copy it and benefit from it. With lack of nuisance fish then maggots and corn can work well. I honestly think that baiting up on most waters is counterproductive unless



Such an edge



you have it to yourself. Even then it has to go where they are and sparingly.

T.C. The hours can be long between bites, how do you keep yourself sharp?

J.C. In all honesty nothing beats wanting to be there and being confident...the hours don't drag then. Easy for me to say being experienced and confident but if not then you may want to fish shorter sessions, maybe with a friend and definitely wrap up warm.

T.C. Onto the DO NOTs !! Some of the things we see on the bank can be quite detrimental to an anglers winter session... drinking alcohol thinking it is keeping you warm, eating rubbish snacks for food and wearing summer/autumn clothing... give us three DO NOT DO that you would definitely stand by?

J.C.
Simple.....

a) Don't put out any freebies unless they are attached to your hook (stringer, crumb in a mesh or solid bag, Bushwhacker etc)

b) Don't be in a rush to setup unless you know you are on fish

c) Don't take your eyes off the water



Watch for any movement



T.C. And on that note I think we will wrap it up there for now, and hopefully your words of wisdom have been taken on board and will help at least one person bank a superb winter whacker as the kids say. Thanks for joining us again, and we shall catch up for the end of year issue in a few weeks.

J.C. Cheers guys and hope that helps. Carp don't get any easier to catch in the cold, but less angler pressure helps. If you want to catch them give it your best shot as the margin for error is a lot less
Good luck and remember it's technically not winter yet (hee hee)

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PHOTOGRAPHY BASICS THEN AND NOW PART1

BY JOE TURNBULL



In this first part of photography basics, I thought we'd take a short look down memory lane and go over some of the stages that got us to where we are now. I'm going to go through a few of the things that perhaps our younger (or older) readers aren't aware of which should help to make sense of how to take a great photo. We will also be looking at settings on DSLR cameras to get you taking better pictures and eventually we'll look at mobiles phones and how to get the best from those also. I must add, that I'm not a professional photographer by any means but I have been taking photos for many years and I know my camera more or less inside out. I'll hopefully be able to point you in the right direction, to help you get your pictures in frame and in focus. After all, we go fishing and often catch some incredible fish but that one special photo can often make the whole experience that much better.

For many years throughout my angling life, I never ever owned a camera. You may think this a bit odd but personally for me angling was just a hobby. One where the enjoyment of catching a fish was so great that I didn't even think of having a camera to take a photo. Catching it, admiring it but not wanting to cause my capture anymore stress (if at all) and to slip it back as quick as possible was always enough for me. Eventually though, I did have a camera but I remember it being a cheap compact Minolta flat type camera which was very basic, but it did the job. It was a typical 'holiday' type camera that most people had back in the late 80's and I remember it being a hand me down from my Mum. This type of camera had to have film inserted and it came with 18 or 24 photos on each film. Yep, for those too young to remember, we had to buy film, wind it on the camera, then once done had to either send it off to get it developed





or take it to a chemist (like Boots) and use one of the over the counter services. There you would leave it with them whilst they took your film and got it processed in around 3-5 days after which you'd return to collect your prints. Initially there was a service where you would send the film off in the post and await your photos to be returned.

Whilst I had this type of camera, the majority of shots were really bad mat shots or quick in the hand shots as creativity really wasn't thought about. It was more like the early days of social media where you could just keep a photo or two in your fishing bag to perhaps show mates or other anglers on the bank they may be interested. Quality was also very poor as these cameras were dreadful in the majority of light conditions and grainy prints were generally all you'd get back from the over the counter services. After a while though things changed, and affordable technology became more available to everyone.

In the late 80's cameras got better and the evolution of the digital age changed everything. Whilst I still couldn't afford this type of camera, DSLR (digital single lens reflex) cameras changed photography as we know it. Alongside this, the computer age also brought along photo editing software which could transform a once sad looking, dull photo into something quite extraordinary by the single click of a button. Once these came into play and became affordable to the majority of people, things took a massive turn in photography for most people. Even the most basic knowledge of a camera became easy to use and point and shoot cameras were eventually available to everyone.

Personally, I went through quite a few cheap cameras over the years leading up to the next big evolution which was the mobile phone but until



mad keen into my photography. Once I started having to produce good photos for magazine features and social media posts, things had to change. A professional set up and basic photography courses were the order of the day but eventually I learned how to use my camera through constant usage. I'd pick up my camera whilst waiting for a bite and just take pictures of random things like hooks and rig materials or leaves on trees. Or I'd pick out

a particular object in the distance, focus on it and take a few different photos of it using different settings until the effect I wanted was achieved.

My first, "state of the art" camera or at least that's what I thought, was a Nikon Cool Pix 7600 and I bought this on a few counts. Firstly it had 7.1 mega pixels which is fine for the majority of pictures most of us would need. Mega pixels only come into play when you're thinking of taking pictures and enlarging them for huge prints which the majority of us aren't. So with regards to mega pixels don't worry yourself too much about them.

Secondly, it had a 4 times optical zoom which is nice when you want to take a few distance shots. Thirdly it had a nice large back display (for it's time) So





I could see what I'd taken a photo of and finally it was small, light and compact and took a memory card so no more film! Oh and it ran on two small AA batteries which seemed to last forever so all in all it made for great little camera. As I say, technology really came on loads by the mid 90's so choice of camera especially cheap ones were pretty much everywhere by then. As well as all that, this camera even had video, which for then was a complete game changer.

Learning to use a camera properly shouldn't be thought of as a chore or something that you don't look forward to as it's the capture of memory and although we now have the ability to take an infinite amount of photos and delete them at our leisure, taking photos will always be a way to freeze things in time.

In the next part of this feature I'll be showing you exactly how to get the best from your phone camera any camera that you may have as well as how to get those self takes easy.

Best of luck over the Autumn.

JT





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A person is silhouetted on the left, holding a fishing rod that extends diagonally across the frame. The background is a body of water reflecting the bright, low sun, which creates a shimmering path of light. The sky is a pale, hazy blue. In the foreground, some dark, indistinct shapes suggest a shoreline or fishing gear.

Beautiful Blanking

Short Stories by Dave Locke



Being a lover of nature and a bit of a bird watcher I would often walk around a large 300 acre lake that was on my clubs ticket, I had fished there a few times but not for carp, only taken a friend that had just got into fishing catching roach and bream.

Whilst on one of these days I saw a quite large carp leap clear of the water about 150yards away . Obviously my interest was suddenly turned away from drowning maggots. The next opportunity I had was spent walking around this huge water with a pair of binoculars going into every little space that was close to the water. I did spot another carp about ten pound laying up under some lilies, but very little else was to be seen. Asking the Carpers on the other waters didn't exactly fill me with confidence, they all said there were very few carp in the big lake and not really worth the very long walk or the effort needed.

However that next close season was to make me change my mind. Whilst sitting having a smoke and a cuppa in a very hard to get to swim, I spotted a very large carp that was around the 35lb mark and it was followed by another one that was mid 20s. That was more than

enough to fire up my enthusiasm. A quiet hardly fished huge lake with abundant nature and wildlife and very large carp. My idea of paradise.

For the remaining part of the close season I would go to the lake at least two times a week and pre-bait three areas that I thought looked promising. After the second week I was getting a very swift response, fish were bubbling over my baits within half an hour of me putting it out.

June the 16th just couldn't come fast enough and I was set up and all ready by midday on the 15th.

Despite me being a very good boy and not casting out until around midnight nothing happened until 4.30am when a very fast run produced a tench of about 5lb and the tench just kept on coming. I actually lost count on how many I caught but believe me it was a lot.

This tench fishing lark happened every time I went but no carp, until one day I went up the very far end of the lake into a little bay, now it seems silly calling it a little bay because it was around 4 acres and almost cut off from the rest of lake



by a string of long thin islands with just a ten foot wide gap leading to the main lake.

Early morning on my first day I saw a carp swim from the main lake into the bay so focused a lot of attention on the gap.

I saw another couple of carp come through the gap and thought I wish I could cast to that area. It was about 140yards away and a very awkward cast even if I could have reached that far with the gear I

was using. *There was only one option, I swam my baited rig out to the gap and carefully placed it in position.*

A couple of hours passed by before a screaming take woke me from a midday nap, This was a powerful fish and without a doubt obviously not a tench. The carp was not in the least bit thrilled about me sticking a hook in it's lip and just moved backward and forward just in front of the gap. I was playing it very carefully because of a few weed beds and Lily pads between me and the carp. Suddenly it changed

tactics and darted straight through the gap out into the main lake, I could feel my line grating across the gravel and I knew what the outcome was going to be.

The line parted. I thought about swimming the bait out again but the outcome of any take would stand a good chance of being the same.

That was the only take I had from a carp in over 2000 hours of fishing the lake, but I loved the place

I broke the clubs tench record twice and saw some amazing birds, Bearded reedlings, Bitterns, Hoopoes and even an osprey that flew off with a tench of about 2lb in it's claws.

It's really not all about catching and if I was fit enough now I would still be fishing there and blanking.

In my mind if I go fishing for carp and only catch tench I have still blanked.

Enjoy your fishing and time spent on the bank, and don't stress out if your blanking,

Best wishes,
Dave.

**When you need to “Get
Tight...!!!”**



By Mark Carper



Fishing to far margins, islands, snags or even structures, is something that we all probably do at one time or another. But to do it effectively and efficiently is a skill that can take years of practice to perfect and get right.

It's all about your casting ability and that includes, being able to judge distance to the spot, to cast accurately and to hit that clip with pinpoint precision.

Fishing tight to these areas can give you a major 'edge', and even more so if those already attempting to fish the spots are not getting accurate enough and quite possibly missing the key spot by

not getting 'tight' enough...!

It's a well-known fact that our favoured quarry will naturally patrol these 'margin' areas, in their pursuit for shelter, in the form of overhanging foliage, roots etc. and whilst looking for food.... they often feel these areas are a place of safety and if the Carp feel safe, there is every chance they will feed with confidence and sometimes just getting a single hook bait could be enough to entice that sort after bite, much like we see in the near margin under the rods at times.

Watching these areas and using your watercraft knowledge will help you spot just how close you need

to be to whatever it is you are going to fish up against and usually, the closer the better. Food often ends up in these locations and if the Carp are feeding six inches from the margin, there is not point dropping a rig two-feet short...you just have to get close and therefore, you must get accurate... you must get a baited rig in their place of safety...!!!

Hitting the Spot

Now, I'm no expert, but this approach has worked for me on many occasions, and I am convinced that being accurate made all the difference. Obviously, this method can apply to fishing 'Open Water' spots too, such as



hitting Gravel Patches or a Hole in the Weed etc. but when you are chucking tight to something, being accurate is even more critical so as not to get snagged up... again, something I am sure we have all done HaHaHa...!!

Once I have settled on my target area, I stand in a comfortable spot on the bank and line myself up with a 'feature' at the target location... if possible, I try to use something tall that would be silhouetted in the night sky so I can still line up correctly, even in the dark.

Once I have my line and my 'Sight Marker', I then place a spare bivvy peg in the ground in front

of my 'Front Foot'.... This then allows me to stand in the exact same position for each cast. If I am fishing from a platform, I usually put a little scratch mark on the board or simply use a gap in the board or other feature to put my leading foot up to..!!

Once I am comfortable with the 'Casting Spot' I proceed to cast out a Bare Lead (no rig attached) and judge the distance of the cast to get as close as possible to the target spot.... But.... I always attempt to 'Drop Short' with the first cast, however,

I am always alert to the fact I may need to slow or even stop the cast if I feel I have over hit it...!

I also make sure that the rod is pointing straight up as the lead hits the water, just as if I were 'Hitting the Clip'....





....If all has gone well and as intended I land short of the target, I then underestimate the amount of line to pay off, for example, if I feel I have dropped six feet short, I will pay off three to four feet of line, then recast making sure I am stood back in the exact same spot as before....and that the rod is back in the same upright position as the lead hits the water....

Once I am within two to three feet, I then 'Clip Up' on to the reel spool and retrieve the lead.... I then recast and this time, I ensure that I "Hit the Clip" as if it were my final spot...I then simply unclip, pay off a foot of line, clip back up, retrieve,

recast and repeat the whole process until I am exactly hitting the same spot each time....

I have another couple of casts to establish the momentum I need and hit the clip and the spot a couple of times, and then it is then time to 'Wrap Up' (no, not go home...!!)

Once I have the wraps noted, I attach my baited rig and follow the exact same process as before, alignment, standing position, rod finishing position etc and cast out to get fishing...

...Just to digress slightly, I always use a Pop-Up when I am fishing close to objects, whether that

be the far margin, an island, or even a snag, and the reason for this is because usually, these areas have plenty of debris on the bottom, especially if there are overhanging trees and bushes.... I feel a Pop-Up and a PVA Nugget (from **Castaway PVA** of course), will negate any poor rig presentation, or at least reduce it to a minimum....I guess it's a confidence thing.

A point to note when I am casting the bare lead to get my distance, I will also try to 'Feel the Lead Down' and feel for any 'Roll-Back'. If I get no roll-back I will push the rod forward slightly as the lead hits the water and line hits the clip and then lower the rod to



around forty-five degrees before the lead hits the bottom to get close to any 'under-cuts' in the bank etc, or to get further 'underneath' any overhanging branches or bushes.

By pushing the rod forward, it ensures the rig does not 'Swing-Back' and away from your

intended spot on the lake bottom as it will not be on a tight line. (This all does take a bit of practice and time, and is never exact, but the rewards can be worth the extra effort...!)

As I have already said, this is 'My' method of doing things and it works for me. I know many carp

anglers that still do not understand the concept of 'Clipping Up' and I have even been asked "If you are fishing with the line in the clip, what happens when you get a run...?!!" and to those people I would suggest a good trawl through YouTube, before you use your spool clip...!!!

The method is long winded and does take practice to get right, but it can also give you that little edge to take that Carp... and before you think it, yes, I know all about Baiting Poles and Spoons as I am the proud owner of such a device, and have the Nash Bushwhacker Baiting Pole and yes, if the 'Tight Spot' is within my Pole Range of 35m or less,



I will take advantage of the ease and stealth the Pole can offer... in fact, I used it for that exact reason on my last French trip in August this year to stalk a 30+ Mirror from a bay that was impossible to cast in to with any accuracy and I did it within 2 minutes of dropping the rig...but where was the fun in that....!!

Over the years, and there are many of

them, I have learnt that above anything else, accuracy is the most important thing to catch Carp... as well as Location of course, oh and Rig Presentation..., erm, and Hook Pattern..., Bait Choice..., Weather Conditions, Watercraft..., type of Rods..., Bivvy and obviously, what kettle you use for that all important 'Brew' while you are waiting for it to all happen...!!!!

Hope this helps

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Talking Carp Team review Pavyotts Mill Fishery



Sh*t hole.....

**Hole in the
ground filled with
'WRONGUNS'.....**

**The owners
a complete
To@%er...**

***Wouldn't waste my
money fishing that
place.....***

These are some of the comments that I have heard in the past about Pavyotts Mill fishery, so Ade and I decided to take a trip down to see what the fuss was all about.

I personally hate it when I hear people slating fisheries when they haven't even bothered to take the time and effort to go and look for

themselves, so when I heard some bad reviews I spoke to one of the people that posted the comment. When I asked about full of wronguns comment the reply I got was "well he's filled it with wrongun's!" I asked him what he meant by that to which he replied "They aren't English fish are they"..... Let me get this correct.... Are carp originally from England? No I don't think so. so why is there this concept going around that people think we are only allowed to fish for English fish???

Carp angling has become a business rather than a passtime where more and more anglers want BIG fish all of the time, so more fisheries are buying them in big from abroad. Simple to me... If you don't like it don't go there..... But don't slate them for what

they are doing either.

Anyway I called the office at Pavyotts to ask if we could come down and do an honest review of their fishery. I spoke to Anita on the telephone who was extremely friendly and polite and said she would love it if we did. We initially booked for September however the date clashed with the final of the Midland Carp championships so we re-arranged for mid October.

Ade and I drove the 3 hour journey from the midlands to the heart of the beautiful Somerset countryside. We arrived at 10 am to be greeted on the car park by Anita. She took us to the office where she introduced us to Graham who is the NEW OWNER of the fishery.

Graham made us both a cup of tea and asked



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Pavyotts Mill Fishery

us if we would like him to show us around the complex. Great welcome by the team there.

First impressions were Wow! What a stunning place.

We were taken to the first two pools that are there which have cabins on each peg. They are small pools with a large stock of fish up to 32lb. We could see a shoal of

around 40-50 carp sitting bathing in the sun.

Graham has recently retired from being a Pilot for British Airways and decided that he wanted to buy a fishery for his retirement. He has been a fisherman since he was 5 years old and has fished all over the world due to his career. Graham then told me that when he first went to Pavyotts Mill with his son, he decided

there and then that he had to have the place. He said that the fishery was very tired and messy but with time & effort he could get things right and wants to make a family friendly environment with stunning fishing.

Graham and Anita said they would come and visit us the next day and have a chat, so, with that Ade and I made our way to peg 9 for our 48 hours.



Pavyotts Mill Fishery



The way the lake is set up allows you to drive to your peg, which for lazy people like me is a great bonus. The whole lake is otter fenced with a gate between every two pegs. Just beyond the gate there is a portaloo meaning every two pegs has a toilet between them, This is an extra to the toilets and showers that are next to reception.

I drove down to peg 9 and was amazed at the size of the peg itself. The way Pavyotts is set up is something that I have never seen before. Every peg is a double

peg with it's own water.... and plenty of it. There are islands separating every swim so you can't see the angler on the next peg. numerous features including over hanging trees, gravel patches, silt, clay and the islands themselves gave so many options you're spoilt for choice. Every peg is totally different.

Each peg has a large wooden hut built for your use with plenty of shelving for your tackle bits. You do need to take your own bedchair though. If you do not wish to sleep in the hut you can also

bivvy up on the grass verges at the sides of the peg. The peg itself is fully gravelled so the owners request that you take a pod to use.

After deciding which side to fish..... or rather after Ade told me which side I was fishing, we picked our spots, set up and cast to them. We had done a bit of research and also had been told by Anita that the fish do not respond well to heavy feeding. However Ade and I thought we wouldn't listen to the advice given and fish our normal tactics. We fished 2 rods over a large bed of maggot in





the middle of the swim where the depth changed from nine foot to seven foot. We then both opted to fish into the channels that ran between the pegs using a Castaway PVA solid bag on one and sticks and stringers on the other rods. We were using Mainline Cell boilies and Mainline ISO Sweet alongside them.

Traps set and hopes were high although we had been told the lake

had been quiet for a week or so.

The first day went really quick with quite a few fish showing, some of them real pigs. Then a beep on my rod from the right. then another which turned into a really slow take. I got to the rod just as it stopped. Stupidly I left it without striking. I was later to be told by Anita that most bites in here are single beeps where the fish sit trying to shake the hook.

The night came and went ,unfortunately with no action.

Next morning we again went against advice and baited our swim up. Rods back into position and brew on.

Anita and Graham then turned up for a brew and to see how we were getting on.

When I told Anita our tactic she just laughed and said we would regret that, She was

right. Just goes to show, when you are given advice you need to take it on board, especially when Anita has fished the lake for over 9 years and works full time on there, with her biggest fish out of Maze being 51lb.





After a good long chat to them both we were informed that the stock of Maze lake, where we were fishing, holds approximately 4 different 50lb+ fish and over 40 40lb+ fish with a lot of 30's to back them up. The fishery is running a system where all of the fish are tagged. Upon arrival, you are handed a scanner to scan the fish so that Graham and the team can monitor the fish growths. Through this system they have found that most of the fish are originals and not all so called wronguns as mentioned in the past. These originals go to well over 40lb.

Graham told us that the future for the fishery is looking bright, he is introducing a stocking programme for the lakes, and bringing fish on through the stock lakes. He is also going

to remove fish under 25lb from Maze and put them into the other lakes in the future. The water quality in the lakes have recently been tested by Spars Hold college and found to have fantastic oxygen levels, helping the fish to thrive in there. To assist with this they are installing aerators in the near future to every peg.

Starting next year Graham is building an on-site shop selling tackle and bait and hopefully a cafe. Talking of food, we had a chinese takeaway both nights which was delivered directly to our peg, highly recommended takeaway. The night again passed with Ade losing a fish from the far bank at 3am so unfortunately no fish for us to show. But that's why it's called fishing and not catching!!!!!!!

In summary all I can say about this venue is that it is fantastic. Graham says his vision was to become the best fishery in the country, and with his work ethic I really can see that happening. It's a beautiful place with fantastic people running it. I will 100% be going there next year for quite a few sessions.

So don't listen to the haters, go and see it for yourself, who knows you might just break your PB. and remember NO CARP ARE NATIVE TO ENGLAND.

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Monster Tuna

by Scott Geezer Grant





After a great session over on Bayeswater it was back to the grind, but only for a few weeks then I had 2 days off. I planned to go over the Dell for the 2 nights. The place had been throwing the odd fish up and after using the new bait on my last session I was eager to try it on a completely different water. I wanted to see if the fish would respond to the bait, and if so in what capacity. Before I knew it, my last shift approached and I was busy preparing my bait and making sure everything was charged, and all my tea stuff replenished.

The following morning at silly o'clock I was up and off to work. After a mega busy shift I raced home, loaded the gear then had a quick shower before leaving for the lake. I arrived at the lake around 16:00 I parked up and grabbed a bucket. I had a wander around the lake to see what swims were taken and the most important thing to see if I can see any signs of carp. There were 5 anglers on all dotted around the lake which is better as it

keeps the fish on the move. I was just getting to the end of my lap when I stopped in swim 3, a fish had caught my eye, there's a large weed bed at 40 yards and the fish boshed just on the cusp of it. As I looked out at the large weed bed and surrounding weed beds, I could clearly see fish present, they were more so on the other side. That was enough for me, and I made the decision that this is where I was going to start. I left my bucket in the swim and went back to my van. I quickly checked the weather forecast and it was displaying heaving rain in a couple of hours' time. I drove the van to the back of the swim and the first thing I done was get the bivvy up. I then spent the next hour getting the gear from the van until everything was sorted. The only thing left for me to do was get the rods out. Due to the weed I opted to fish chod rigs with a size





4 curve and top this off with a Monster Tuna pop up.

Due to the fish activity, I took the stealthy approach and sent my boat out to gauge where the weed bed started as I wanted to fish up to the weed and not in it. After some boat work, I found three lovely areas which were close enough to the weed bed and cleanish enough to present a bait. The best area was

the middle rod a lovely gully amongst 2 weed beds. The great thing with fishing a chod rig is that it will lay over any debris on the lakebed. With everything ready to go I loaded the boat with a scoop of pellets, 2 scoops of chillie hemp and

a generous scoop of mixed sized boilies. That will be enough to stop any carp in its tracks. With all 3 rods out, it was time to sit back, relax and watch the water.

I checked my weather app again, as it started to warm up and there were no signs of any rain. Honestly if there's a job going at any of the weather stations, I want one, I'll just make it up like those idiots do!!





That evening the lads had made a lovely spicy curry which went down an absolute treat. I spent the last few hours of daylight watching the water and watching the fish bosh every now and then, all on the other side of the weed bed. I fell asleep and was surprised to wake up early the next morning with the rods still motionless!! I put the kettle on for the first morning coffee and could see the fish were still active further out still in the same place. Danny (rocket) who was fishing a few swims up to my right had banked an upper double common, which was great to see. A couple of hours later as I was sitting watching the water a fish showed over the middle rod, this got me seriously excited, then another fish showed over my right-hand rod, the fish had clearly moved into my area and would hopefully get their heads down on the bait. Just after midday I was just about to wind the rods in and go for a shower when the right-hand rod was away, the result was a low double figured mirror which pleased me no end, it was the first of many I was sure, and the bait is clearly doing its damage yet again. I decided to bring the other rods in and go for a shower, resting the swim has worked well for me in the past, so that was the plan. After a

lovely shower and feeling human again the rods went out one by one back to the same areas, along with a generous amount of bait. The wind had turned to a Northernly and





was now coming straight at me, with the temperature still in the high teens it didn't feel cold at all. On the menu tonight was a lovely homemade chillie, Danny (Rocket) had gone home and Christian had turned up and went into a swim 2 up from me to my right. Even though it was midweek it was still busy with anglers coming and going, most of them doing overnights.

Come midnight and it was time for me to get some sleep, the headtorch was placed within easy reach just in case I needed it, and low and behold at 0400 o'clock the right hand rod was away, the clutch was spinning and my receiver was in melt down, I clambered out the bag and was straight on the rod, the fish sought sanctuary in the weed bed, but after a little persuasion I managed to get him out and a few minutes later a lovely double figured common lay in the bottom of the net. This fish was a little bigger 16lb to be exact, again I was chuffed to bits another victim falls to the bait. I took a couple of mat shots then treated the fish and returned him. The rod was put back out and not long after the sun started to come up, what a lovely sight that is and one that I cherish every time I'm

fishing, for me it's the best time of the day.

The kettle went on and I sat there watching the mist dance across the lake listening to the birds waking up and watching nature at its best. Ryan had banked a double figured mirror over in the point, and Gary had banked a fish known as





“George” at 35lb from the bailiff’s swim. Just after 0900 o’clock the right-hand rod was away again but this time the fish felt a lot bigger, it stayed deep and was plodding rather than racing about. After 5 or so minutes the fish surfaced out in front and Christian had walked down to my swim, as he saw me playing a fish, he gracefully done the honours with the net and he looked at me and said, “That a good fish mate”. Yes!! The big girls have finally turned up hopefully the party will continue.

I got the mat, water sorted the sling was zeroed then the fish was lifted from the water and carefully placed in the mat, as I unfolded the net I was met with a stunning fully scaled mirror, she looked mint. Christian done the honours with the camera, I then treated the fish with a product

I have been using for some time now Propolis, it’s to treat any external wounds etc. it’s really

thick and believe me when I say once the area is dry then this applied it sticks like glue to protect the affected area. A great product and one that is always in my tackle box. The fish was returned then I set about getting the rod back out to the spot.

The rest of the day passed pretty quickly and before I knew it, it was 1700, I decided to refresh the rods for the night ahead. That evening I settled down to a lovely Chinese washed down with a cider. I went to sleep around 2300 and was rudely awoken with a screaming take on the rod that’s currently doing all the damage. The fish turned out to be a lovely plump mirror of just over 16lb. the fish was treated and returned and the rod was put back out, then it was back in the bag to try and get some sleep. It took me a while to get back to sleep and when





I did I slept through my alarm, only to be woken by another screaming take this time on my left hand rod, I jumped out the bag and was on the rod the fish weeded almost immediately and no matter how much I was trying the fish was taking line when it felt like it, I knew it was another good fish but which fish was the question, after what felt like an absolute age the fish turned and made its way out of the weed and into open water, what a battle this was and after a few more minutes I managed to slide the net under a stocky mirror. Chris walked round to my swim as he had seen the commotion and gave me a hand the scales were zeroed and the fish was hoisted up, a weight of 28lb exactly was recorded and this particular fish was caught before spawning at a weight of 35lb, from

this exact swim how mad is that.

Chris done the honours with my phone and took some cracking photos, the fish was then treated and returned. What a session this has turned out to be 5 takes and 5 fish landed, the bait continues to amaze me, can it get any better, we will have to wait and see.

A few weeks later with the bit between my teeth I was back over the Dell again armed with the new Monster Tuna. I only had a couple of nights at my disposal between work. When I arrived the weather was horrendous nearly 30 degrees, unlike most I hate the heat and much prefer fishing in proper English weather, overcast drizzle with a low pressure, but that's not always possible. After a quick walk round, I decided to slot into the

Bailiffs swim. Ryan was in number 3 and the fish were still milling about in the vast weed beds. The bailiff swim gave me access to the plateau and the aerating pump was just to the right of the swim, and this is a magnet for carp.





I got the bivvy and everything sorted, the rods had fresh rigs and were ready to be dispatched. I found a couple of lovely areas the left-hand rod and middle rod were going to be fished in 5ft of water in a gully between two weed beds, and the right-hand rod in 8ft of water just off the pump next to another weed bed. I decided to have a shower and chill out for the day and come early evening when it's cooled down a bit the rods will go out.

Later in the evening the rods went out with a generous amount of bait, exactly the same bait as my previous session. I was getting liners for most of the night, then just as the sun was coming up the middle rod was away, I grabbed the rod and after only a few minutes the fish had done me in the weed!! It had spat the hook; I wasted no time and got the rod back out to the spot. just after 0530 the right-hand rod was away the fish weeded me almost instantly and I just couldn't get it moving, then again bang the hook pulled!! It was now 2.0 to Mr carp and my luck was at its lowest.

Again, the rod was re-baited and put back out. Ryan in swim 3 had banked a 31lb 8oz mirror and it was a cracking fish, well done mate. I on the other hand was having a right old battle, but one I was up for. Late morning the heat started to get to stupid degrees and to make matters worse a massive floating weed bed decided to come right across my swim and wipe all my rods out great!! The rods were wound in and I wasn't going to put them back out until the evening. Being my last night I was hoping to actually bank a fish. Come late evening the rods went back out and I got my head down for some much-needed sleep. I didn't get any liners throughout the night but at 0500 o'clock the left-hand rod was away, after an epic battle with the fish weeding me up copious amounts of





times, I got it within netting distance and when it surfaced it looked a descent fish with big apple slices on its flank just as I was about to slide the net under her she bolted, and the hook pulled!!! It was at that point I seriously wanted to smash my rods to pieces!!! I was livid, someone has definitely got it in for me I can't seem to do anything right on this session, I'm sure most anglers have experienced this at some point. I calmed myself down re-baited the rod and got it straight back out. The kettle went on and I sat there drinking a coffee with steam coming out my ears trying to calm down. It wasn't long before the left-hand rod was away and again the fish weeded me immediately, the line went solid, I put the rod on the rest and loosened the clutch so the fish could take line when it wanted to. Half hour later the fish started to take line I lifted the rod, but the fish sought sanctuary in yet another weed bed. Ben was on hand, and we went out in the boat, but even when we got above the fish, it just wasn't budging and when I applied more pressure the line started lifted and a big ball of weed hit the surface with only my rig in it, the fish had gone. Jesus this is the worst nightmare ever, but like a true warrior I got back to the bank and

got the rod back out to the spot. later that same afternoon as I was packing up the right-hand rod was away and this time, I did manage to land the fish which turned out to be a lovely scaley upper double mirror. The bait is still getting me takes, but I was so disappointed not to bank the fish I had lost and more so the chunk of a mirror with the big apple slices definitely a 30lber and one I dearly want to catch.





My next session is planned over at my other syndicate water where I will be fishing with an angler who was the winning bidder for 48hrs with all proceeds going to Lucy Bowls for the blind dogs. Don't miss it, it's an epic session. I would like to thank the following companies for their products of which I use in my fishing.

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With only a few weeks until The festive season begins, I would like to wish everyone good health and plenty of chunks in the net.

Stay safe and remember its only fishing.

Scott "Geezer" Grant





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Commercial Break

by Barrie Scholes





This month I'm going to take a look at fishing for carp from commercial venues. What these types of water have to offer. How I approach them. Why I fish them. And what you might expect when fishing one yourself.

Firstly, let me explain what I mean in this piece when I say "commercial venue". These days we are spoilt for choice in terms of top quality day ticket carp waters. There are fantastic complexes around the country where you can go and fish for carp in excess of forty pounds and more. But in this piece I'm going to focus on the small commercial day ticket waters. The ones that aren't necessarily focused on carp anglers. They might cater more for the pleasure angler, or the match angler, but they

have carp in them... and lots of them!

Such venues are widespread throughout the country and many of you will have one or two such venues close by. Maybe, like me, you drive past a few on your way to your club or syndicate water and don't normally give them a second thought. Perhaps you have overlooked them in the past because you've been put off by uncarpy rules etc. If I told you of a venue where the maximum size hook you can use is a 10, it's running leads only and you can only use rod one, you would probably just write it off. However, if I told you that last time I fished the venue me and my son caught 38 carp to over 16lb between us, in less than ten hours fishing, and that the carp in that venue go to 28 lb plus. It might just make

you think again. So why should you give commercials a try?

Well firstly if you are reading this and are quite new to carp fishing, or perhaps you've had a long layoff and are looking to get back into the swing of things, a commercial venue can be a great option. Such venues are generally more densely stocked with carp than club and syndicate waters, meaning you get more bites, and you catch more. We all learn through practice. So, by catching more you'll learn about landing and handling fish a lot faster than if you were sat behind motionless indicators for days on end. By catching fish, you will soon start to figure out what baits and rigs work best for you, which will give you confidence in them. Confidence that you can take on to more



challenging venues in the future.

For the reasons given above small commercial venues are an ideal place to introduce someone to carp fishing for the first time. We all have non fishing mates that just glaze over whenever we start talking about our latest carpy adventure. Why not take them along for the day. They can use your other rod, buy their day ticket and EA day license of course, and you can give them a taste of what carp fishing is all about. Unlike most club lakes,

lots of commercials have facilities such as cafe's bars and toilets. This makes them an ideal choice for taking the family for a day out. Especially in the summer when the weather is nice. They are great venues for teaching kids how to carp fish as they can get bored easily will long periods of inactivity, yet fishing a commercial the action can be non-stop at times! "Carping chaos" my son calls it.

So, commercials are a great choice for people new to carp fishing,

whether it's friends or family. But why would an experienced carp angler want to fish them? Well first of all they are just plain fun! Good old fashioned fun. And that, after all, is the reason we go fishing in the first place. You are unlikely to concentrate your seasons fishing around fishing a small commercial. But for me I think they are a great supplement to your more "serious" fishing on a club or syndicate lake. They can be a great place to go and just reset things. If you've been struggling for bites on your normal lake you can turn up at a commercial and just be reminded what it's like to catch a carp again, to hear the buzzer go off and get a bend in the rod. "A change is as good as a rest" they say, and a trip catching a few carp on a commercial can



trigger a change in fortune back on your target venue. You can get into a rut with your fishing sometimes, when you start to wonder when you'll catch another carp again, and a trip out to a well-stocked commercial can do you the world of good.

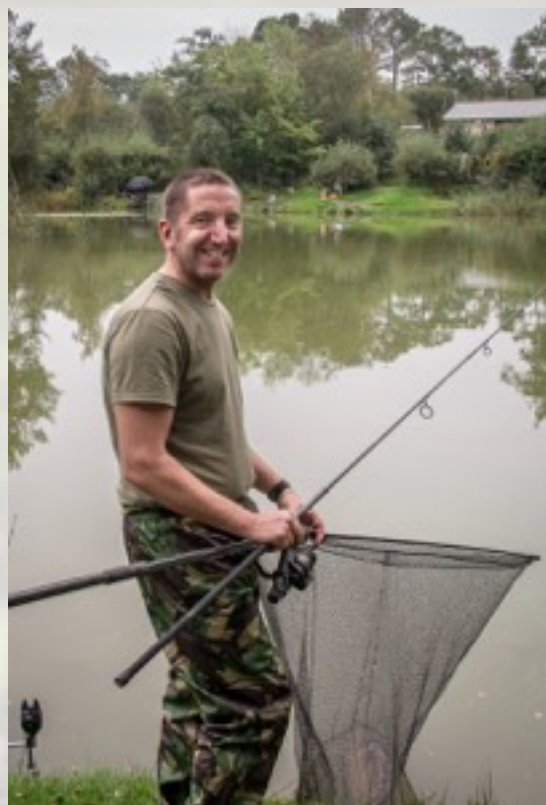
Commercial venues are also a great option to go in the winter. Especially, if like me, your time is limited to short sessions. A well-stocked commercial might be you're only realistic chance of action on a short session in January. Another point worth mentioning is that a lot

of commercials allow you to park by your peg. Making them a great choice for anyone who has issues with their mobility.

So, having decided to fish a commercial how do you approach it? Well first of all, before you arrive at the lake you need to check the rules. Commercial fisheries can be quite rule heavy. Lots of people of all angling abilities fish them so, quite rightly, the fishery owners can't always rely on people using common sense. When you arrive to fish you need to make sure your lead set up, hook choice and bait choice all comply with the rules for your chosen

venue.

Regarding lead set up my starting point is always a Korda lead clip and a length of dark matter tubing. If the rules only allow running leads I just replace the lead clip for a Korda run rig rubber and fish that as a running lead. Those two set ups will cover most commercials. You'll be fishing at short ranges so no need for leaders and the dark matter tubing





will make sure the line is pinned down next to the hook bait.

Rig wise I like to keep it as simple as possible. My go to rig would be a very basic knotless knot fluorocarbon bottom bait rig.

Normally topped with half a pop up, either white, pink or yellow, fished snowman style.

That rig hardly ever tangles and is very effective at hooking carp. It's also cheap compared to braided hook links, you can go through quite a lot of rigs on a well-stocked commercial venue!

Most commercials don't have much weed either because it doesn't get chance to grow with all the feeding activity of fish so I would always start with bottom baits first, rather than popups.

That would be my go to rig. But the beauty of fishing a commercial is you can experiment a bit with your rigs, the



fish will soon tell you if you are getting it right or not.

For me, the key to success on a commercial is bait and baiting strategy. Not fancy rigs. The fish in these venues will see all sorts of bait, and all sorts will no doubt catch, but I don't think you can beat a good quality boilie. That would always be my first choice. Carp love boilies, and by fishing them it will hopefully help you avoid the silver fish and pick out the bigger carp in the lake too. I would defiantly recommend giving your boilies a glazing of some liquid, to give it an extra boost of attraction. My choice of bait would be Nash Scopex Squid and glaze it in the accompanying bait soak.

In terms of baiting strategy you need to think more like a match





angler. Little and often is the key, rather than a big bed of bait and then waiting it out. When I fish commercials I'm only there for a day session. So, I need to maximise my time. I need to attract the carp to the swim, have them competing for bait, and keep them in my swim for as long as possible. Not enough bait, and I won't attract them in numbers, too much bait and I'm just reducing the odds of them picking up my hook bait. For a typical session in the summer, I'd arrive with 2kg of bait. Once I've chosen my swim I'd probably put about half a kilo in to get things going. Then I'll just introduce a few pouches after each bite to keep it topped up. You can

normally tell the carp are feeding in venues like this from bubbles over your swim. If during my session the bite doesn't come, and the bubblers stop it's then time for a recast and a top up of bait and usually the swim will come alive again. I like to fish with 12mm boilies as I think this gets a better, more competitive response from the fish. However, depending on the venue, it can be almost too successful so you might want to up

the size of boilie to a 15mm or bigger to hopefully get through to the bigger carp in your chosen venue. As well as fishing over a bed of bait I will also fish a single hook bait with a mesh bag of 12mm boilies, this is a good tactic for casting at bubblers and showing fish.

A quick word about tackle. If you only have one set of 12ft carp rods then of course you can use them on commercials. But if





you're budget allows, or if you are in the market for a set of rods and will be fishing a lot of commercial venues then the short retractable 10ft rods are perfect. I use a set of the Daiwa 10ft Ext rods and they are great. I pair them with the old Shimano Aero Baitrunners and that makes a great little set up for these smaller waters. I also leave the bivvy at home. I'm mainly fishing day sessions at commercials and a lot of the swims are very tight as they are designed more for pleasure and match anglers, rather than carp anglers. Even an oval brolly can be too

big. So instead, I use a 55 inch Hermit brolly by Advanta. It fits in to tight swims but still gives nice coverage due to its mini storm sides. But if you still have an old Wavelock Nubrolli in the back of the shed that will be just as good too. Well hopefully this article has inspired some of you to give commercials a try. Even if it's just the odd trip now and again to get a bend in the rod. I know commercials aren't for everyone but

don't be too hasty to write them off. They are full of carp, and they are getting bigger all the time. Fishing commercials can be lots of fun, especially when fishing will friends and family. And at the end of the day having fun and enjoying yourself is what carp fishing is all about.

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Im on my travels...

by Mike Madeley





Just a quick check in with you all, as I have been travelling around and haven't had much chance to write lately but I'm sure that will change in the coming months....

I love to fish different venues and do this as often as I can. It keeps the fires burning and always brings its own challenges as you would expect. One of these was Norton Disney although I had paid a visit here previously fishing the Army Champs, however this time I had the choice of where to go. It's a great complex and well set out. Prior to Norton I was at Horcott lakes down at the Cotswolds this was fishing in the Ex Mil Corp competition though, and what a lake that is, absolutely carpers dream, however coming last out the draw and ending up in a swim that just wasn't the one, is simply the way it goes. Most recently I paid a visit to East Delphs back lake, and this time round I think I played it totally wrong, however I'm back on there in November to put things right hopefully.

Fishing is what you make it, and now as the temps drop and hopefully with the weather settling down a bit, some awesome carp will be in the net.

Good bait, Sharp Hook, Right place...

Mike



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Trying Out Deeper CHIRP+ 2:



by Richard Handel



Trying Out Deeper CHIRP+ 2: What's New, Reading Data on Fish Deeper App and Exploring Global Bathymetry

I have had the opportunity to test run the Deeper CHIRP+ 2 over the past month. I'm unbelievably impressed with the upgraded features.

Just like traditional sonars, Deeper works by sending out a single frequency signal to the bottom of the lake and back again. But the Deeper CHIRP series sonars with CHIRP (Compressed High Intensity Radiated Pulse) technology send out a continuous flow of frequencies, ranging from low to high. This is what gives you greater accuracy and clarity of what the lake has underneath your Deeper CHIRP+ 2. The first thing you'll notice is that it's a Desert colour to distinguish it from the other models. It's a very nice colour and will not stand out too much in the water; looking from below (from a fish's point of view), the other good thing is that the attachment bolts are black, so they are less reflective than before.

The other nice thing that Deeper have included in the box is an orange night cover. For me, it is brilliant news. I generally have this on all the time. I'm getting older and it really helps me spot the whereabouts of my Deeper in the lake. One of my favourite ways to map the lake is by casting out the sonar and using the wind to let it drift across the water. If no one else is around, I let it drift as far as I like. With the right atmospheric conditions, I've been amazed at how far my Deeper will go out before losing its connection.





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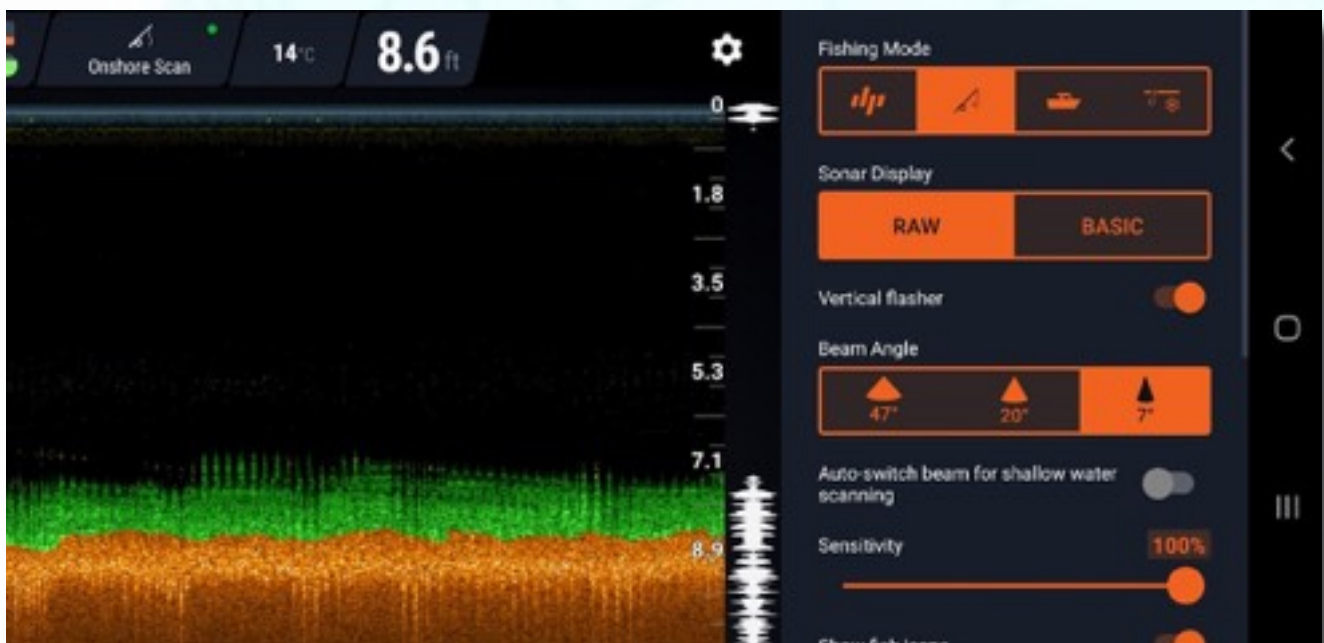
Trying out Deeper Chirp+ 2

I decided, out of interest, I would charge it up on the bank, with a portable battery pack. It took about an hour for it to be fully charged. This is very impressive and will be a great help if you're like me and forget to charge things at home. The CHIRP+ 2 has a longer-lasting battery which gives an incredible 15 hours worth of scanning time. The new internal battery is Li-Ion, 3.8V Rechargeable, 1300 mAh.

Pinpointing my target species even amongst a school of baitfish is a breeze with the unbelievable target separation of 1cm / 0.4". I can see even the tiniest lure when vertical jigging, which is something I will be certainly looking at this year, as I do like my predator fishing.

How to Operate the Fish Deeper App on Your Phone

In conjunction with the Fish Deeper app on your phone, you can switch between multiple functions. Once you have connected your Deeper to your smartphone, always remember to turn off mobile data. This is the most common error when connecting your Deeper. The first time you connect a new Deeper to your smartphone you will have a brief guide on how to operate it. It's always best to go over this part and read the instructions. First view the Function options.





1. Personally, I like this setup, but you may prefer it another way. I will go over these in the next few screenshots.
2. First of all, you can change the Sonar display to basic. This just gives you the lakebed bottom, without any in-depth readings of what is on the bottom e.g., weed, gravel etc. This can be helpful in the beginning when reading sonar data. You can then move on to understand the other features gradually.
3. I have now changed the beam angle. If you imagine the cone icon looking down onto the lakebed, the area you are now scanning has gotten wider. The deeper the lake, the wider the cone will be at the bottom and the greater the area you are viewing.
4. I have now switched to the wider beam of 47%. This will cover more viewing area in my swim and is a quick way to map. If I'm trying to locate fish in my swim (to pinpoint a spot they're feeding on), I prefer not to use the wide beam. Unless I'm curious to know if there are any fish in a particular area like a bay or along a marginal bank with overhanging trees.





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5. The fish icon can be switched off, or if you just want to distinguish between sizes of fish, you have small, medium, and large for those monster fish! But you'll get the most out of your sonar if you practice interpreting the readings yourself when it comes to fish. The fish icons are an algorithm and like any algorithm, it can make mistakes.
6. You can switch between 3 colour palettes when you are recording. You can also do this after you've recorded, i.e., when you're viewing past recordings via the History.
7. The below screenshot is more or less the same as the one above, however, I've reduced the sensitivity from 100% down to 80%. This filters out the fuzzy bits. I personally prefer it set at 100% unless there is a lot of debris floating in the water.
8. I've now switched to the last of the 3 viewing settings. These can help you distinguish the lakebed makeup. You can clearly see there is a difference between the above and below screenshots.
9. With the Fish Depth icon you can switch between depth from the bottom or depth from the surface when you spot a fish. This is a personal preference, but an extremely handy function.





10. The below screenshot shows clearly the difference between the beam angle when switching from 7% to 47%.

11. This shot is me switching back again over the beam angle. This function can be very effective if you're interested in seeing how big a particular feature is e.g., bar, plateau.

Phone App Functions

There is a lot you can do on your phone before or after you have been using your Deeper Sonar. These little things will help you get a better feel of the lakes/rivers you fish.

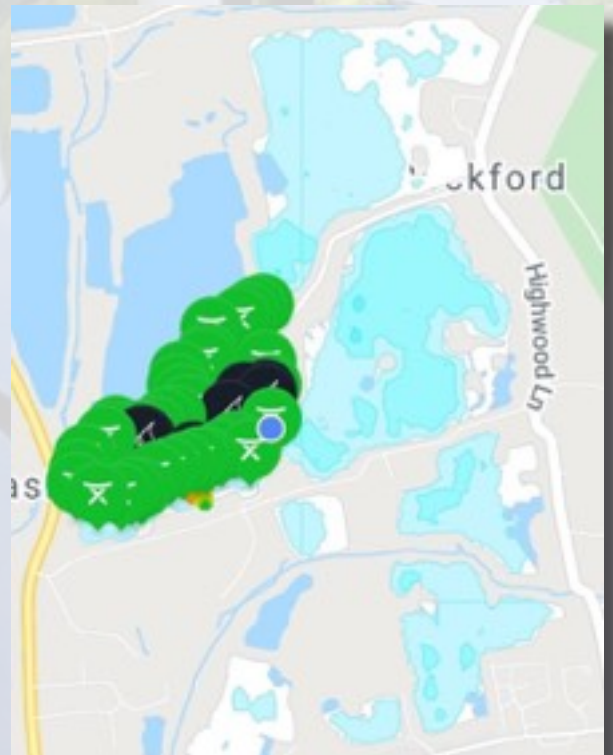
1. If you open up the app on your phone, there are 3 lines on the top left-hand corner. Tap them to open up the extra functionality.

2. If you click on History, this will bring up all the recordings you have ever done with your Deeper.

3. Select the one you wish to view, tap on the screen, and it will open up your recording. Top Tip: You can delete these off your phone if you are worried about space and download them again when needed. Just make sure your sessions have a green cloud icon with a checkmark which means they're safely stored on the cloud.

4. You can simply playback your recordings and see exactly where your Deeper is situated in the swim on the left-hand side.

5. If you wish, you can drag the dividing line between the split-screen to make either side smaller or larger.





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6. You can even zoom in on your area to get an idea of the contours of the lake.
7. If you tap on the screen, it will give you the Depth at that point which is extremely useful.
8. I like to drag the whole screen to the full size of my phone or tablet.
9. You can now see the contours better and an overview of your swim.
10. There is also a tab for the weather which is extremely useful.

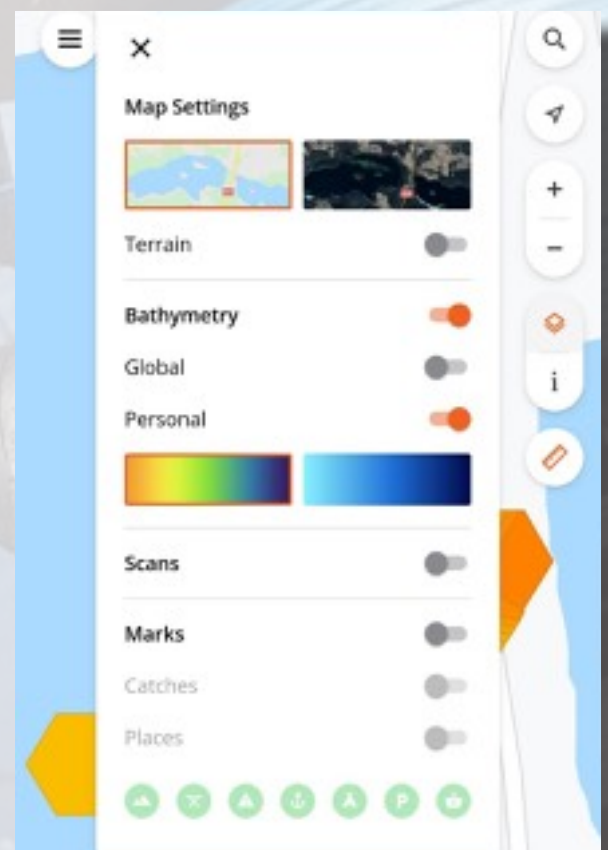
If you scroll on this page, it will bring up everything you need to know regarding the weather conditions, moon phase, daylight hours, pressure, etc.

Fish Deeper Web Page and Premium Functions

This is my go-to tool and I like to study this for hours.

You can bring it up on your phone via the internet, but I've found that using a PC or a laptop with a large screen is more convenient. It completely changes your perspective on the lake you are fishing. You can follow the contours and get an idea of the routes the carp will follow to travel from one area to the next. You can work out where the food source is likely to build up, by seeing which way the wind blows and where in the lake the debris will settle and collect.

1. When you open up the page, click on the compass arrow. This will take you to where you are currently located (if you're



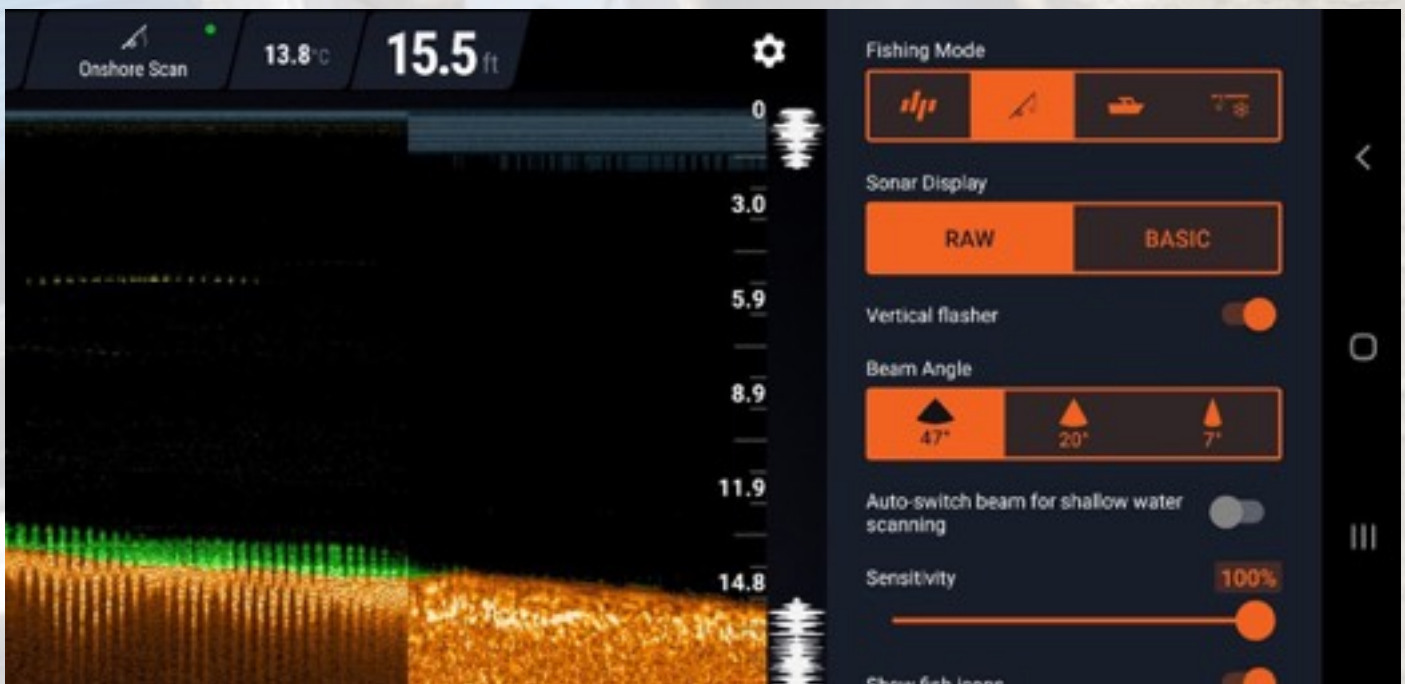


at home, it will take you there!).

2. Click on the search icon and enter your desired location.
3. And then zoom in on your chosen lake.

There's a brand-new feature available to Premium subscribers – global lake depth maps also known as global bathymetry. This comes with a 3-month free membership with every sonar purchase. It gives you the ability to see a global database of lakes that have been mapped already. For someone like me, who's just starting on new waters, this is extremely helpful and time-saving. It gives me a guide on where the carp may be at certain times of the year without having to thrash about with the marker float for hours on end. The Fish Deeper Premium membership is going to be partially helpful for anglers who don't wish to purchase a Deeper sonar and just fancy gaining an understanding of what Deeper is capable of achieving.

4. With the global bathymetry you can clearly see the contours, get the depth, take measurements, and plan your approach to the lake before you even arrive there.





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I think this feature is going to be a real game-changer for everyone who uses Deeper. Time is not on everyone's side these days with work and family life. This is going to save you a lot of time. You can start to map the lake yourself and understand the makeup of the bottom.

5. Below is where it started to map the lake and it's fitting in perfectly with the global bathymetry readings. There may/will be tiny discrepancies, as with any GPS device and atmospheric conditions to contend with.

6. On the Fish Deeper web page, you can pinpoint the features you're interested in and check the depth. Measure the distance from the bank, view your scans, tap on the features and the depth will pop up.

7. If you would like to know the distance from the bank, tap on the ruler icon and then tap the two points you wish to measure.

8. If you tap on the diamond icon, you'll have all the features there at your fingertips.

I've found the range to be pretty amazing and under the right atmospheric conditions I've achieved 403 ft which is over 120 meters.

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Fishing Adventures with Andrew Taylor - I did it My Way





Well, what can I say...? I've been searching for the last 3 and a half years for a 30lb Carp but in a different way... My Way, I wanted it to come from the non-obvious venues. No disrespect to the following fisheries or anglers that have done it this, but I didn't want to be an angler that goes to either Linear Fisheries or Bluebell Fisheries for example. I always dreamt of mine from a Midlands fishery, because to be fair us Midlanders or should I say Brummies don't have the luxury of 4 or 5 venues to go at for big Carp. So, me personally I wanted my first 30lb Carp to be from a venue close to home as I find it much more rewarding, again please don't take offense in anything I have said I will fish them venues one day, but this was my own personal goal.

So, every year my wife and I go fishing for our anniversary, or should I say I have to find a venue with a Cabin... a Lake and a Hot Tub, because she won't stop in a bivvy. So, we have been to various places, but we usually head to a gorgeous little place in Wrangle between Boston and Skegness, called Mill Farm Leisure. This is a 5 star

experience with unlimited use of a hot tub and sauna and your own fishing peg on a well-stocked course lake.

But this year a friend of mine and fishery owner of Hams Hall Fishery in Birmingham decided to build a cabin with a hot tub for exclusive fishing on his syndicate water. This was a no brainer for me. I made the call, sorted everything,





our deposit was paid, and we were booked for a 3 night stay in The Luxury Fishing Cabin.

Upon arriving I was blown away with what a beautiful cabin and venue this has become over the years, it just keeps improving. I was a member of the syndicate around four years prior and it was gorgeous then but wow it was evening better looking now. This venue was a tricky place and known to be a very hard venue

at times, you could sit on there for a week and not have a single bleep, due to it not being heavily stocked and at around 8 acre if you're not on the fish they can be hard to find.

So, I proceeded to set up while the misses sorted the cabin side of things. I picked my three spots and sent my rigs out with my chosen approaches. I literally sat next to my rods for the next 6 hours or so until the darkness started to set

in.

I just sat and watched for signs of fish, swirls, bubbles or anything, but nothing was showing, and I never had as much as a twitch on any rod. But even so I chose to leave my rods on my chosen spots as I hoped that throughout the night a nice lump would come across my bait, but again not a sniff.

So as daylight broke through, I was awoken to the sound of the onsite alarm



clock... the rooster. I went back outside and watched for early morning shows. I decided to take a little walk around to the sides of the cabin to check out the rest of my swim. I noticed some movement under an overhanging tree on one of the island. So, I looked for a way to get to it with my bait, which was a bit tricky as there was all lily's surrounding my access to the tree.

I found a route through them and sent my bait boat on its way to the location.

After around an hour or so, that bobbin on that rod was rattling away and my alarm was screaming off...

Upon striking it felt solid, I knew I was into a lump...

It headed straight into the lily's, my legs went like jelly... I was praying i wouldn't lose it, I just kept a nice

tight tension on my line and after about probably a minute or two which felt like an hour it leaped through the lily's and out of the water... After that glimpse I knew well and truly I was into a lump...

After a solid fight from the fish which was trailing a pile of lily's around my line, I was able to slip my net under my prize...





I placed my rod down and the net down and leaned over the decking and reached into the net to remove the lily's covering the fish... upon removing it all I saw the size of this beauty and I was praying this was it... While not taking my eyes off the fish I reached for my bucket and wet my cradle, then dipped my sling into the lake and weighed my sling and

zeroed my Reubens... it was time, was it my time???

After unhooking this absolute stunner of a mirror carp, I lifted it up and asked my wife to read me the scales I didn't want to look... she said I needed to take a look as she wasn't sure... but I saw that little look, that smirk on her face...

So down it went, and

I turned the scales to face me, lifted back up... and the needle settled straight round to 30lb 7oz!

I bounced the scales just to make sure, ping... 30lb 7oz again! I was ecstatic! Finally, after all the hard work, all the local venues, all the adventures... I had done it, I was in the 30lb club!





After a few snaps I slipped my waders on for some water shots, this fish was by far the calmest fish I'd ever landed. It never flapped once just perfectly chill for my pictures, it was a poser!

I couldn't have been happier, this stunner turned out to be the only fish landed, other than losing one in the same lily's the following morning, but you know what I didn't care as that one fish made my trip!

I caught it on a Mainline Baits Fruity Squid Pastel Barrel Waffer topped off with a piece of buoyant imitation sweetcorn from Enterprise Tackle. I presented this on a DF Carp Rig consisting of Korda end tackle over a bed of 12mm pellets





and sweetcorn which had be smothered in Mainline Baits Hemp Additive and Multi-Stim Additive.

Get in! What a result! Well, that's my story, what an awesome adventure, I am now going to just enjoy my fishing for the rest of this year without trying for a certain target. Then come 2022 I will go on another adventure with new goals. I hope you have enjoyed this article, I certainly have enjoyed the journey I set myself.

I will leave a link below at the end of this to my YouTube Channel where I post videos of all my fishing trips, and most recently the one about this adventure, I did it My way. I'm quite new to all the YouTube stuff so a follow/subscribe would be amazing, thank you. You will also find me on Instagram and Facebook, just search Fishing Adventures with Andrew Taylor.

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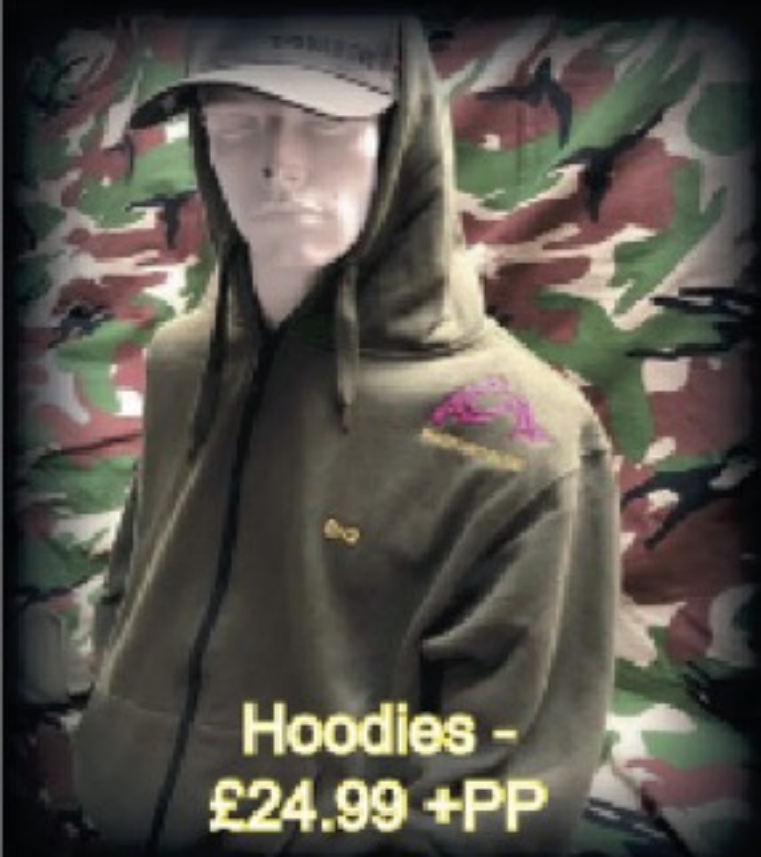
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**A trip to the
lagoon.....**

by Tom Blackmore



Like many anglers, it's been a long wait to get back over the channel for a chance at some of the large residents that you tend to find in the French waters. This trip for me was not like any other as originally, I wasn't even going on it. However, circumstances changed in December last year when I lost my dad to his battle with cancer. This was a trip he had planned with his best mate Chris but a combination of the pandemic and the cancer meant dad just wasn't well enough to travel meaning the trip would eventually fall to me.

We were heading to a water called "Lagune Lassi". The water itself is situated in the Champagne region of France and, to me, is a one of a kind. Many waters in France are dominated by large heads or huge

mirrors. The issue I find is they have little character and all look very much the same. It can also make the fishing boring but that's a personal preference and each to their own. However, Lagune Lassi is known for its commons. The lake is largely dominated by commons with very few mirrors. For me I love a common I just feel they stand out and have a lot more character. Now, again, due to pandemic, the fish were always going to be down in weight. With an English owner and only allowing English fisherman to fish the lake, it hadn't seen any activity in approximately two years. This would have a lasting effect on any lake but the good thing for us was they were hungry and hopefully were going to be in the mood for a boilie or two.

In the weeks leading up to our trip the lake had fished very well. With fish to approximately 55lb+ being landed and it was thought that this would be roughly the biggest in the lake at this time. However, with numerous fish still coming out over the 40lb mark there was hope maybe all wasn't lost. The journey to the lake is relatively straight forward, it's about four hours driving from Calais with most of that being on the motorways with a few tolls along the way.

Having arrived at the lake on the Saturday, we didn't get an opportunity to speak to the anglers who were on prior to us which in some cases can really give you a head start. It was visible from the bank that the weed was going to make fishing hard work. The weed hadn't been



treated for the two years due to the owner not being able to get a team of anglers out to do some work with it like they normally would. Normally over the course of the year its treated approximately three times which makes the fishing a little easier and also reduces the risk of anglers being snapping up and fish being snagged unnecessarily.

The first day, as it always is, was long and tiring. A few hours spent out in the boat trying to find probable spots when your tired is hard work. However, we pushed through and got all six rods out onto spots. We didn't bait heavily as we didn't know what the previous anglers had put in at this point so fishing for a bite seemed like the best solution with the intent to gradually up

the boilies once we had the fish feeding confidently. We baited with a selection of DT baits Cold water green beast and Supa fruit. The cold-water Green Beast is highly regarded as the best winter bait on the market. It is specifically designed for winter fishing, with a build-up of ingredients and attractors that will still react in the coldest of conditions-

it's hard to be ignored. With high levels of milk proteins, the carp can digest the bait faster and feed for longer while still maintaining the nutritional value they require to keep them going through even the coldest of spells.

When you then throw into the mix the Supa Fruit which is made from some of the same milk proteins and ingredients the cold-water Green Beast is and is a regarded as a general all year round bait, you can't help but believe you are onto a winner! First night was upon us and it didn't take long for the action to begin. My first rod was away which had





been baited with a Silt Busta pop up on a Ronnie rig with a size 2 curve shank from Wellsharphooks and presented in a solid bag from Castaway PVA and filled with crushed Supa Fruit and cold-water Green Beast boilies. Unfortunately, the buzz was short lived. After being weeded up almost instantly, I managed to get the fish moving and after weeding me up another three times the hook eventually pulled. I was now exhausted and frustrated. The

first bite can really set the mood for the week and always has the chance of being a good one, but the chance had gone. Another bag and a fresh rig tied the boat was sent out and dropped back into the area in hope of some more action.

Nothing more happened Saturday night and it was the early hours of Sunday morning that the first fish was on the bank. Due to fishing in a double swim me and Chris had decided to share rods meaning

whoever's rod went first got the first fish and we took it in turns. If you lost a fish your go was over. Now this requires a lot of trust but having fished closely with Chris for a large number of years, neither of us had any concerns in each other's rig presentation or ability when it comes to carp fishing. So, it was Chris who landed the first fish and it was a common coming in at 31.12! Now that was more like it. Falling to the solid bag approach of crushed cold water Green Beast and Supa





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Fruit boilies with a Silt Busta over the top! We were off the mark and feeling good.

The rest of the day went past quickly with little signs of the fish being up for anything that looked remotely like feeding. Just as we were about to tuck into our nice beef casserole, the right-hand rod gave a few bleeps and the rod tip curved round ever so slightly. I picked the rod up and wound down to find it completely solid! The next words out of my mouth certainly

were not "oh dear". Life jacket on and I jumped in the boat! One way or another I was getting my end tackle back. Having got over the top of the fish and breaking through what felt like a forest of weed in the water I got the fish up and moving. After a few 360 spins my heart sunk. The fish had managed to kite into a snag which was tree branches into the water I couldn't believe my luck. The first had powered away from me and had I tried to stop it I risked losing it. I rowed over to the snag

to see if I could free the fish and at first all I could see was what I can only describe as a good size mirror looking back at me almost smiling as if to say, "you won't get me out of here". Well, that's where it was wrong. Hanging over the side of the boat basically with my head in the water I managed to break the branches off it was snagged on and get it moving again.... and as you can imagine straight back into the weed. All I could think of was "give me a break dad!" After what felt like an eternity but in reality, was probably no more than five minutes, the battle was over. She was out of the weed and finally in my net!

Exhausted but relieved I finally rowed the boat back to the swim to unveil my prize a cracking two tone mirror that went 36.10!



Now this was in fact a repeat capture but was more than welcome. She was down in weight by a few lbs, but it was a decent fish and one of the elusive mirrors and most importantly, it was in my net and the hard work was starting to pay off.

From this point everything went quiet. We had booked the entire lake for two of us, but the fish were not playing ball. Due to the weed, myself and Chris both lost a fish each- one on Monday and the other on Tuesday morning. This prompted us to get up Tuesday and rebait the rods. We opted to move from some of the spots in search for new ones. That day I spent approximately five hours out in the boat rowing marker floats out and finding what we felt were suitable positions between the

weed to bait up. We opted to put four rods across the middle of two weed beds and I placed 10kg of cold water Green Beast and Supa Fruit out from the boat over the area knowing if the fish came hopefully, they would hold in the area.

Wednesday morning was quickly upon us with still no action. The fish just didn't seem in the mood. Earlier in the week we had both walked the lake and decided to bait a few marginal areas with a few handfuls of whole and crushed baits. Due to the water being so

clear we were able to bait the areas and see from the bank if the bait had gone. Due to the bird life being almost non-existent, if the spot was clear we knew we were onto fish! As it was Chris's turn he went round to first of a few spots we had baited. It didn't take long, and he was into the first of what turned out to be a good run of fish stalked. We ended the day having managed to stalk three fish from the margins. Chris had two commons going 23lb and 24lb respectfully while I managed one at 21lb. This to date





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was the most action we'd had in a single day and we hoped this was the turn of luck we needed to really get things going.

Thursday seemed to start a flurry of action. I managed another long lean 26lb common while Chris unfortunately lost a fish right under the rod tip. A couple of hours later I was into another common of 24lb. 6am and the rods suddenly went silent again. Chris's turn once again so off to the stalking

spots to see if any bait had been taken. Once again, one of the spots was clear so another few handful of cold-water Green Beast and Supa Fruit went out and Chris sat back quietly. It wasn't long before I heard the shout "Tom I'm in". Due to the precarious location, we were stalking, it was vitally important we helped each other, not only for fish safety, but for our own also. I'd mentioned to Chris the day before out of all the fish I'd seen in the channel

area there was one fish that stood out from the rest. It was no monster in comparison to what was in the lake, but I felt it was likely to tip the scales to 30+. After an epic twenty minute under the rod tip battle, the fish finally had enough and rolled into the net. Due to the clear water, we saw the entire fight. Every twist and turn and every surge of power in an attempt to escape. I peered into the net and knew instantly this was the better of the fish I had seen. Chris

described seeing the fish come in and instantly pick up the baited rig before powering off. After weighing his prize, she finally settled on 30.8! a cracking fish and an epic fight. This certainly made up for the lost one early hours





of the morning. After that, the afternoon went quickly with no more signs of fish in the area. All rods back out onto the spots before dark and we were ready to go again.

Another solid bag presentation with the same cold water Green Beast and Supa Fruit was enough to attempt our second 30+ fish of the day another common after a great battle rolled into my net at 32.14! This particular fish had, in fact, picked up a bait rig that had been out for more than 40 hours. It's so important if you're leaving rods out that long you have confidence in your bait and presentation. With DT pop ups, I could confidently leave them

out for a week! Having watched the water closely over the week, one thing quickly became evident. The fish were holding in the weed during the day when the oxygen levels were good and as soon as it got dark, they were moving out when the weed would normally drain the oxygen. This was heavily evidenced by watching the fish actively crashing in the open areas away from the weed as soon as it got dark every night. We also only seemed to have fish during the hours of darkness

away from the weed on the large clear areas we had baited. As like all great trips ours was coming to an end however this wasn't the end just yet. We managed another five fish between us from early hours of Friday morning to late Friday evening. All between 24lb and the pick of the bunch a 28lb mirror for Chris. Overall, it had been a hard week's fishing and the alarm was set for 0700hrs local time ready for our descent back to the UK. However, at 0600 hrs a couple of bleeps





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on my outside rod indicated to me there was still time for just one more. After battling the fish threequarters of the way over the lake, going through numerous weed beds, she gracefully rolled into the net at a respectable 31lb exactly. The final fish of what turned out to be a great session. No monsters this time but as my dad would always say, that's carp fishing!

None of this could have been made possible without the outstanding cold-water Green Beast, Supa Fruit boilies and Silt Busta pops ups from DT Bait Developments, The PVA products from Castaway PVA and of course the ultra-sharp hooks from Wellsharphooks! 15 fish in total landed. 5 of those being 30s to 36.10! The hard work paid off and we can't

wait to get back over in 2023! Finally, a special thank you to Dave and Heather who year in year out do their very best to improve the lake and ensure the

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Until the next time.....
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Return to Paradise by Jason Kennerly





Recently I have just got back from my first week over in France for 2 years. So, I decided to take the time to put a few words together on what an amazing week we had as a group. Myself and 4 good friends took the overnight ferry from Portsmouth to St Malo and from there Etang Morales is just an hour and 30 minutes drive.

On arrival at Morales we were greeted by a stunning mature almost English estate like lake surrounded by old willow trees rushes marginal over hangs and dotted islands. The welcome from Dave and his wife the previous owners and now bailiffs at the lake was second to none. And they showed us around the complex and had our Bait package ready and waiting for us to go. Dave then let us have a walk around the lake

and choose our pegs for the week.

After a few laps I decided to go into swim two for the week which gave me a lot of water with many options to go at I had a few islands in front of me good snaggy margins and a willow lined far Bank. Once I had settled in my swim and got the base camp set up for the week it was time to prep some bait, I chopped up 3 kilo of Nash scopex squid in 15s and 18s into half and coated them in the matching glug a little hemp oil and a small dash of the sticky baits bloodworm liquid. Afterwards coating them in good helping of sticky baits krill active stick mix and left them to prep for a few hours. I also soaked 5 kilo of mixed size baits in a bucket of lake water as my main approach was to fish the washed out baits in the spod and

bait boat out the chops with my rigs. After the bait was prepped, I set about sorting my rods setting all 3 up on the Korda hybrid lead clip system tungsten tubing and 4oz square pear leads. Hooklink choice was German rigs made from the Korda IQ2 2 to a size 4 Kamakura x hook. All 3 rods were fished on Sticky Baits krill active wafers in 16mm topped with a chopped down 12mm sticky baits pineapple pop up soaked in the jungle juice goo.

So now it was time to find a few spots and after speaking with Dave the owner he put me onto a spot between the two islands in open water at 14.5 wraps. I had a lead about and found a slightly harder spot 3 feet deep surrounded by slightly deeper water of 4 to 4.5 feet deep. It was big enough for two rods,



so I got some Bait out with the spod and put two rods on it. My third rod was put down my right margin a few rod lengths off the back on a small island again baited with the washed out baits via spod and rig placed with the boat and a few handfuls of the chops i'd prepped.

Not expecting much that first night I set about starting my fire pit up and getting a late dinner sorted. To my surprise I had a take around 2am and after a short but powerful battle landed a cracking 39lb mirror. It came from the spot between the islands Dave the bailiff had put me on earlier. I got the rod back out and on first light had another take from the same rod this time being a small common, so I slipped it back.

I decided I was going to rest my slots each

day for a few hours so when 10am came about I brought the rods in and put a few more spods out over the spots. We were lucky enough to meet the new owners Darren and Georgie while there who are such nice people and enjoyed our catches just as much as us. It's well worth keeping a look out in the near future at Morales as Darren and Georgie have some amazing plans for the venue which they chatted to us about during our stay. Going into the second evening I spotted out a few more washed out baits and a little of the house

pellet and got the rods back on the spots for around 4.30pm. I had 3 takes that night 2 cracking mid 20s and an awesome 44lb mirror which I had just on light. I left it in the net and rang the lads who came down and we got some great shots. As the week progressed many more fish between the group were banked 6 being over 40lb and many over 30lb so everyone was having a great week. Morales has a couple of very local towns with everything you will need on your stay from small local shops supermarkets pharmacy and





takeaways restaurant and of course a few pubs. I mention this as on the Wednesday I decided I was going to act on a few shows I had seen in the pegopposite as it had slowed up a little in my swim. I only wanted to do a few hours in the swim, so it was going to be a night under the stars. So, I got some spots prepped over there put in little bait and headed out for the afternoon for a few beers and some food with a few of the group. On returning that evening I got my stuff

sorted i'd need for a quick night on the chair under the stars and headed over. I had the rods sorted for about half seven that evening and had a take almost straight away. It turned

out to be another small common. I got the rods set again and sat watching night fall. At about midnight I heard Dave the bailiff walking around, and the guy had me a cup of tea in hand. Absolute legend he had a quick chat and said I noticed you didn't have your brew stuff over here with you so made you one before bed. What more could you ask for? I lost a fish early hours about 2am I was gutted it felt decent as I sat back on the chair, I didn't have much time



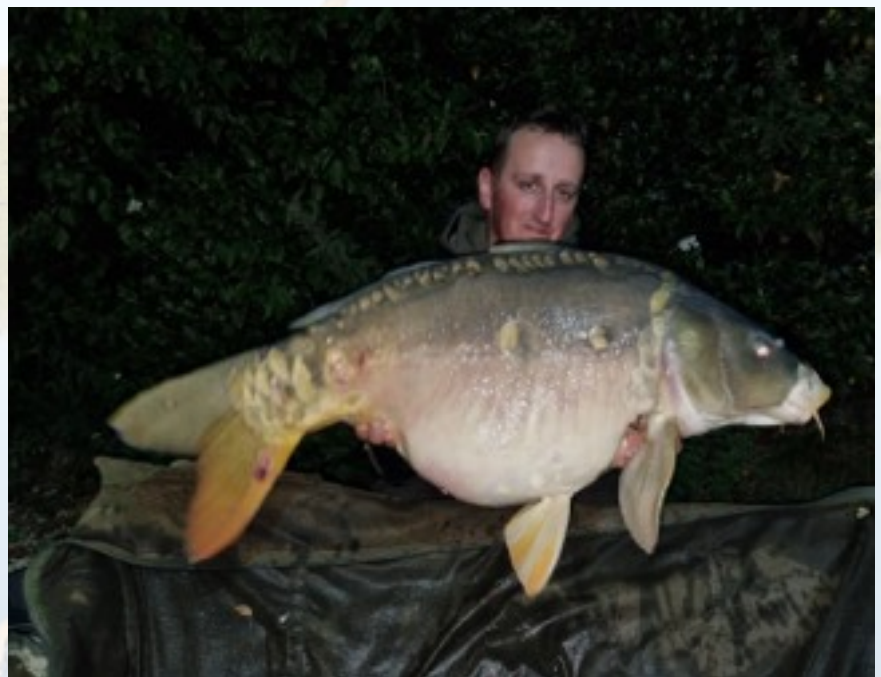


to dwell on it as the over rod was away. A short powerful battle followed before it shot off into open water eventually, I managed to land it, it was a big common it could be a pb. I woke a mate up and he headed round. It went 41lb a new pb common by 8oz. Well worth that move I was made up it was a tidy looking fish as well, not a mark on it my last few days I managed a few more fish to 29lb. Between the group 56 fish were landed that week. I'll finish by saying if you are struggling to find a venue over sea's I would look no further than Etang Morales it's a beautiful place has plenty of big fish to go at and is a very well run place. There is another lake on site which has a beautiful house you can hire with all the amenities you will need for the week. Darren and

Georgia have plans on a third lake at the venue which will be amazing and only add to the very good complex they have already.

Thank you and I'll catch you guys again soon.

Jason



Carp Particles UK ... the rebirth



By Carl Bluck



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Carp Particles UK

Who/What is Carp Particles UK – (CPUK)

Before I tell you a bit more about myself and my business partner Marcus & the story of how we got here I thought I would first give you an indication of who we are as a business and what we offer/stand for etc...

Our main ethos is to advocate fish safety and environment protection. We pride ourselves on producing 100% natural particles and baits which contain no added chemicals so you can be confident that your chosen baits will have no lasting or detrimental effects to the water ways.

This is important as a lot of shelf-life baits, Particles or Boilies, contain added preservatives with MPG being one of the main additives. This is the same additive found in the anti-freeze of your car!! And repels water ingress.

This means in today's age where spomb after spomb of bait goes into a lake, these types of shelf-life baits do not breakdown correctly if left uneaten and can cause huge oxygen crashes and jeopardise the fish in the lake. This is due to masses of bait that are left to rot very slowly and provide bacteria

with a huge food resource allowing bacteria to multiply rapidly. As bacteria needs oxygen to survive the sudden increase in bacteria will start to use up lots of oxygen and can escalate to using up practically all the oxygen dissolved in the water leaving none for other plants, animals and of course fish!!

All our particle is cooked in 100% filtered water that goes through a high-quality multi-function filtration system. This four-stage system ensures both a repeatable and regular process as well as making sure all chemical, sediment and volatile organic compound pollutants are removed. It is amazing how dirty tap water really is!!

This same filtered water provides the main body of our preserving solution that our shelf-life particle is stored in with a little sprinkle of magic – all natural of course!!

Introduction to us

Myself & my business partner Marcus Doughty are both keen anglers and have been fishing for Carp for the last 20 years or so. In our younger years we would fish at every given opportunity up and down the UK resulting in an



amazing amount of time on the bank that now being older with families and 2 businesses to run we can only dream of!!

Nevertheless, over the last couple of years we have been able to jig this around a little and can now get back to a semi-decent amount of time on the bank and fish with more focus and commitment again.

We are both Carpenters by trade, in our early – mid 30's and own another company called Taylor Made Planters Ltd. We were both employees of this company originally and had the opportunity to buy the business 3 years ago with the previous owner looking to retire. Knowing the potential the business had with a few tweaks being made, it was an opportunity that we just couldn't pass on and were lucky in the fact that we were able to buy

the business with a deposit paid and the remainder on a monthly basis.

After a few months of backwards and forwards with solicitors and the accountants we were finally able to proceed and take over on April 30th 2019. Tweaks were made and the company has excelled over the past couple of years and practically quadrupled in size leaving in us in a position where we were looking to invest into something else together.

The purchase of Carp Particles UK

We now move to January 2021 & this is where we were presented with an opportunity to buy Carp Particles UK.

I had a text message from Marcus



on a Sunday evening (January 10th 2021) asking “Do you fancy getting into the Fishing Industry?” Being so random and spontaneous this made me chuckle but also grabbed my attention instantly.

I called Marcus straight away to have a chat and see what exactly he was referring to!! He explained what was for sale and for the rest of that Sunday night I laid wide awake thinking of the possibilities and the excitement of a foot into the Carp fishing world from behind the scenes.

First thing Monday morning at the office, we had a chat and took a look at the Carp Particles UK website and social media platforms and could see not only the decent following the company already had but also the ethos of the business in that no artificial or chemical preservatives were being used and this fit with us perfectly as fish care and fishery health is important to the both of us.

A quick phone call was made to the previous owner to see whether he was free and if we could go over to see him. A few hours and 2 trips over to see him later and the deal was done on Monday 11th January 2021!!

The Relaunch of Carp Particles UK

The next weeks/months were incredibly busy for us as Taylor Made Planters Ltd also starts to get extremely busy this time of year. But like anything in life “you only get out what you put in” so for the next few weeks, it was long hours in the week as well as us both working the weekends as we started to put an infrastructure in place and get our Mezzanine floor in our building prepared, emptied and deep cleaned ready for Carp Particles UK (CPUK).

From previous experience we have the attitude “if you’re going to do something, do it right from the offset” therefore rather than buying cheap or second-hand equipment and risk breakdowns and repair costs etc... we took the leap and bought everything of a high standard and brand new. Whilst the hardware/production side of things was being put into place we were also updating the website and social media platforms and were both overwhelmed and taken back by the incredible amount of support CPUK had. We had previous team members and customers getting in touch thick and fast to say how



happy they were CPUK was back and lots of the original team members that had moved on as CPUK was sat dormant for a while, were gravitating back and asking to re-join CPUK which we welcomed with open arms.

At this stage CPUK was still a bit of a jigsaw puzzle as the company had changed hands a couple of times & like Chinese Whispers, bits of useful info get lost along the way. This is when we approached Mike Peacock-Smith "A.K.A SMIFFY" a previous owner. As CPUK had been sold by Mike and then sold on again to us, he was well within his right to tell us to p**s off, however, this was far from the case!!

Smiffy gave us time and advice and when travel restrictions allowed, we went down to see him at his home where he gave us various bits and pieces useful to the business. At this point it was obvious to both me and Marcus that Smiffy was still very much in love with CPUK and showed amazing enthusiasm and kindness with offering help and time without asking for anything in return.

We are firm believers in giving credit when credit is due and invited Smiffy up to see us once we had everything set-up covering his cost for the day - Time, fuel & food etc... He took us up on the offer and bought his friend Lee Tomlinson (Owner of "The UK Signage Company") along and we had a great day talking through the vision going forwards and where we were at that point. We all instantly clicked





& were bouncing ideas around. Shortly after this Mike jumped onboard with us on a consultancy basis offering help at each level of the business (Filling in the gaps if you like) with an incredible list of contacts within the industry and a wealth of knowledge. That combined with our own forward thinking and ideas we had, resulted in a great balance to move the business forwards.

Carp Particles UK in full flow

We are now up to around mid-April 2021 and with all the basics in place Marcus had now settled into a steady routine with production and sending orders out & I was predominantly looking after Taylor Made Planters Ltd.

We were starting preparation for our first Trade event that was held at "The Carp Society's 40th Anniversary Event" At Horseshow Lake in May. Lee Tomlinson "now a friend" also became a supplier "The UK Signage Company" and sorted us out with all our new branding, product labels as well as some banners etc... for the trade event. Thank you, Lee.

We got to Horseshoe on the Friday with the intention of setting up the

trade stand ready for the event to start on the Saturday morning. Within 10 minutes of getting there and meeting up with Smiffy and his friend Dan who were already there and were fishing, the heavens opened and we quickly set our bivvies up ready for the night to get out of the rain. The rain was on and off but it was the wind that was the issue, gale force & enough of a risk of our trade stand ending up miles away by the Saturday morning if we set up as planned!

Later on Lee arrived with our banner and trade flags and other bits 'n' pieces and we decided it would be best to get up early at 5am on the Saturday morning and get everything set-up then to be on the safe side. This ended up being the right choice and a great opportunity for us all to chill out and have a beer or six! I went and picked up a few Pizzas from a nearby Domino's and Lee put his Bivvy up next to mine at an angle and the five of us; Mike, Dan, Lee, Marcus & myself squeezed into the 2 bivvies to take shelter and had a laugh.

Up early on the Saturday & although the weather was changeable to say the least it remained mainly dry and we got set-up pretty quickly. Due to the on/



off weather the turnout was not huge but the event was incredibly enjoyable and we made some great friends & contacts. This is where we met Brian from "Talking Carp" and I said I would be looking to add some content to the magazine and get an introductory article put together. Just didn't expect to take so long as things have become extremely busy with both businesses (Apologies for the delay Brian!!!)

We also gained 2 great contacts & Friends who I would like to Thank

– Fenton Trewick

Owner of DT Baits who has since produced a Snail Boilie along with match the hatch pop-ups, wafers and boosted hard hookers to our specification to complement our Snails Range of products & Dan Winfield who is on the DT Baits Team and now also a member of our team. Dan writes and edits articles/catch reports for DT Baits and has kindly offered to proof read this article for me as (You may of already noticed) this is the first time I have done something like this! At

the end of the Saturday, we ended up out with this pair for a curry, better than what I had planned to cook on my Ridgemonkey.

Sunday was an unknown as a few of the traders had left on the Saturday evening as it was fairly quiet, but we stuck it out and actually made some good sales so was worth staying.

Just wanted to quickly thank the following people who were a huge help at Horseshoe;





Smiffy, who attended our stand and was on hand to help and talk to customers aswell as setting up etc...

Lee, who not only supplied the artwork for the show but also attended our stand and helped out with talking to customers etc...

Billy Brickell, who is a consultant on our sponsored Team, for coming down to help out and who was great with customers.

Following on from the Carp Society Event in May, CPUK has been gaining traction and starting to grow nicely. We now have a range of Merchandise available and have started to add new and some unique products to the range all with being 100% natural at the forefront. We now boast a great range of Liquids and a Supernaturals Range second to none.

We have around 80 Members on our team who I would like to say a huge thank you to for your continued support and some amazing catch reports that keep rolling in.

Summary

Well that brings us to the end of my first article! I hope you have

enjoyed reading a bit about us and I hope not too many of you are now asleep!

We will continue to develop new innovative products, all 100% natural of course.

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Thanks for Reading, Tight Lines.

Carl & Marcus





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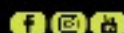
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Freedom Oven from Kampa



By Mark Carper



“An Oven, when your Carp Fishing??!” Not something I thought I would ever see in the same sentence and certainly not something I thought I would do...!!

So why have I got one...?

Purchased on a whim I guess and at the front of my thoughts was “this will be great for the longer euro trips...” But even then, I hadn’t convinced myself...!

With the mesmerising array of ‘Portable Stoves’ at our disposal now, working on all manner of fuels and in all shapes and sizes, from the high end expensive to the ‘Carp Branded’ and even more expensive....and ashamedly I must admit I own quite a few of both, I never in forty years of Carp Angling felt the need for an ‘OVEN’...!!!

But an opportunity presented itself and I couldn’t resist, so now I am the proud owner of the KAMPA Freedom Gas Cartridge Oven....and now, I cannot imagine life without it ...

... what an awesome piece of kit and what a culinary world it opens whilst on the bank, or any outdoor hobby for that matter...Although I’m not sure how it would be received at the Golf Course... so maybe not ALL outdoor hobbies...although it would be great for the Sunday League Half-Time pasty...! (That was a joke by the way, I know not all Sunday League players eat Pasties... some much prefer a Pie...!!)

For my Euro fishing and, I’m not ashamed to say, for some of my longer UK trips, this Oven will be the first bit of kit loaded up although if I had a ‘Fishing Van’ it would never be taken off.

Now, it’s an Oven, and I am going to take the chance that you all know what an Oven is and has the potential to be used for, so I’m not going to list the things you can Roast/Bake/Warm in it, although I will tell you that so far, I have cooked Pizza and Chips from frozen in thirty minutes, Fish Fingers, sausage & Mash and even a Shepherd’s Pie and Lasagne.



I have warmed all manner of pastries including Pies and Sausage Rolls, baked Part Baked Bread and warmed complete 'Ready Meals' both frozen and unfrozen and the bit that struck me the most for the little 1Kw Oven, was that everything cooked as per the instructions as if it were a standard conventional non-fan assisted Oven in the kitchen... I am genuinely impressed...!

As with any conventional oven, obviously there is a 'warm-up' time and for the Kampa Freedom that takes between four and eight minutes...four minutes if there is no breeze and the Oven is 'Indoors', about six minutes if 'Outdoors' and shielded and eight minutes if it is 'Outdoors' Unshielded and a moderate breeze....but like any outdoor cooking/heating system, you would usually shield it from the elements and the use of this Oven is no different.

For the tests, I used it indoors but next to an open window for safety reasons and I also used it inside my Nash Tackle Block House with the door open, again for safety reasons. I did also try it with the door closed but with the vent on the opposite side of the bivvy to the Oven half open and this worked fine too...be warned though, the exterior of the oven does get quite hot, so I made certain that it was not touching the bivvy at any point. I also used it outdoors with only the rear of the oven protected from wind/draft and in a temperature of 10 degrees Celsius...



Kampa





The heat from the top of the oven is useful for warming your plate or even keeping the boiled water in the kettle warmer for longer....

About the Oven

The Oven comes supplied with a removable Wire Shelf and a Tray complete with Wire Tray Insert and Handle, both of which are well made and a good fit inside the oven.

Externally you have a Temperature Gauge, a sixty-minute Mechanical Timer, Flame Failure Safety Button and then Gas Canister Lock Lever next to the Flame Controller / Ignition Dial.

I had no idea what to expect when I placed the order with Future Fishing and to be honest, I even had my doubts about spending the £139.99 once I had placed the order...but then as I have said, it was purchased on a 'whim'...!!

It arrived extremely well packed and on par with the usual excellent service I have come to expect from the guys at Future Fishing. After getting it out of the box, I was pleasantly surprised by two things...the compactness of the size and the quality of the build.





Sized at only 47cm wide by 32.5cm High and the same for the depth, the unit is more compact than I thought, although it weighs in at just over 9kg. It was much more robust than expected too... When you compare this to the Cobb BBQ that is very popular amongst Carp Anglers, me included, which measures around 33cm x 33cm and weighs in at 4.1kg (minus the Coals) it's actually not too bad and a lot cleaner and more versatile too...!

It has an internal capacity of 30 Litres, which was hard to picture but is plenty big enough for bankside cuisine, and ample room for a medium sized Chicken if you should so choose...

...and the thing runs off one of those cheap little 225g Butane Gas Cartridges and puts out around 1Kw of heat, which enables it to easily hit 250+ degrees Celsius, which is perfect for anything I would want to cook in a relatively short space of time.. even from Frozen..!

Using the Oven

Inserting the Gas Canister is the same as for any stove or heater that utilises the Butane Gas Cartridge, you know, the ones with the little 'Cut Out' on the top...you simply locate it in the correct orientation, close the external flap and push the Lever Down to engage the Canister...simple...!

You then follow the instructions of Setting the Timer, Depress the Flame Safety Button for 5 seconds, Turn the Heat Controller until it 'Clicks', which fires the Piezo Ignition, while still depressing the Safety Button, the gas should then ignite, keep depressing the Safety Button for a further 5 seconds and that's it, you are "cooking with gas" as they say.. (although who 'They' are is something I never quite figured out)!





Obviously at this point, you can place your food inside the Oven and just add the 'Warm-Up' Time to the recommended cooking time, although I tended to wait until the Oven was at around the 200 degrees mark before placing any food items into it....

...And that is basically that...it's an Oven and it works like an Oven and providing you can fit the food item in the 30 Litre capacity, you can cook anything that an Oven can cook...and efficiently too....!!

You could argue that a Cobb BBQ does a similar thing, albeit not in the same way...but I'd like to see you use that inside your Bivvy.... And the Kampa Freedom Oven, is mega clean to use, even after you have finished cooking...I do have a Cobb though too, so my gourmet experiences are limitless...!

Safety

One thing I will say, is you could use this inside a small bivvy, such a Nash Titan Hide but it would not be advisable.... It does need a larger bivvy or some form of Cooking area under a tarp' or set up in a gazebo, of which there are several 'Carpy' options. That said, it is quite at home being outdoors and the supplied zipped Carry Bag can be placed on it 'upside down' to protect it from wet weather when not in use or overnight etc. You just need some form of 'wind shield' so as not to slow the cooking time too much...the same as you would for any stove really....

I would only use it inside my Block House, or my Nash Gazebo and I normally only use these on the longer sessions. That said, I would be happy to have it in the back of the car to use when I'm fishing the Belgium or Dutch Canals, as the car is always to hand on these trips, even though I use my Titan Hide or T1 for shelter...!!!

Conclusion

Now, I know this isn't going to suit everyone and some will want to be hyper-critical and probably quite obnoxious and rude about "An Oven to cook your food.... What has become of Carp Fishing...??!!!" but in truth, Carp Fishing longer



sessions and especially over in Europe, have become more akin with 'Camping' and quite often is now a 'Family Affair'...!!

Also, not everyone fishes the same and not all of us have access to onsite catering vans, cafes and takeaways... and not everyone fishes European commercial waters with 'Meal Packages' and Hot Tubs... some actually still fish Public Waters in the middle of nowhere and basically, that is 'Camping' (with Carp Rods), and the crazy thing is, if you had this in your Camper Van at the side of any lake, no one would give it a second thought, in fact they would probably be quite envious, such is the nature of Carping... I fall into the European 'Public Water' category, so for 2022 if travel restrictions are not once again imposed, this little Oven will be a game changer...

Warning: Please ensure you follow the instructions and always use in a Well-Ventilated Area as recommended...

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Happy Eating All.... Mark Carper

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**Keeping yourself
smelling nice.**

By Anthony Wood



Something most anglers don't think about when they go for extended fishing trips is hygiene, most of the time it is a rock up wear what you have and sod it you can have a shower/bath and a shave when you get back.

I recently came across a fairly new company called 'Delta Dynamics Products' who don't have many products out yet but one that did catch my eye (apart from their pocket size version of Yahtzee, I love that game lol plus it is great for playing when you aren't catching fish) was their Compact Wash Kit.

The first thing that impressed me was not the contents but the tough 600D nylon fold out pouch that offered multiple ways of attaching the bag to the outside of your bag or just chuck it in your bag. The other thing I liked about the bag was that there is a hook and loop attachment system which is great if you want to attach a moral patch to but more importantly it allows you to attach the included mirror to the outside of the bag so that you have a mirror to look, just simply hang the bag on a branch by the handle loop at head height and it is perfect for shaving, etc.

Moving on to the contents and I loved the selection of products that were in there. The first product is a take down toothbrush that takes apart and the head folds into the handle, great for keeping the head clean and practical storage as well. There is also a mini tube of toothpaste which is perfect for travelling.





Next is a disposable razor and again a small tube of shaving gel which will cost you a pound extra. I can understand the reason for the disposable razor being a minimum cost but I would also like to maybe see them add an option (even though it would be more expensive) of having a safety razor instead. More eco-friendly, easier to clean and the replacement blades come in a little box that would easily fit in the bag.

There is also a 30ml bottle of shampoo and matching shower gel in case there is a good source of clean water nearby (or at least usable), with this there is also a hair comb and a small dispenser with travel soap leaves which just require a small amount of water to activate and turn into soap.

As previously mentioned, there is a small 7cm x 11cm mirror with a hook and loop pad on the back for attaching to the pad on the front of the bag for hanging from a tree branch. Finally, you get a small 40cm x 40cm lightweight microfiber travel towel for drying your hands and face with.

You can purchase the kit from www.deltadynamic.co.uk and also keep up to date with new products as they release them on their social media channels www.facebook.com/deltadynamicproducts and www.instagram.com/deltadynamicproducts.



Tickle Tackle

Custom Zig Bugs

By Anthony Wood

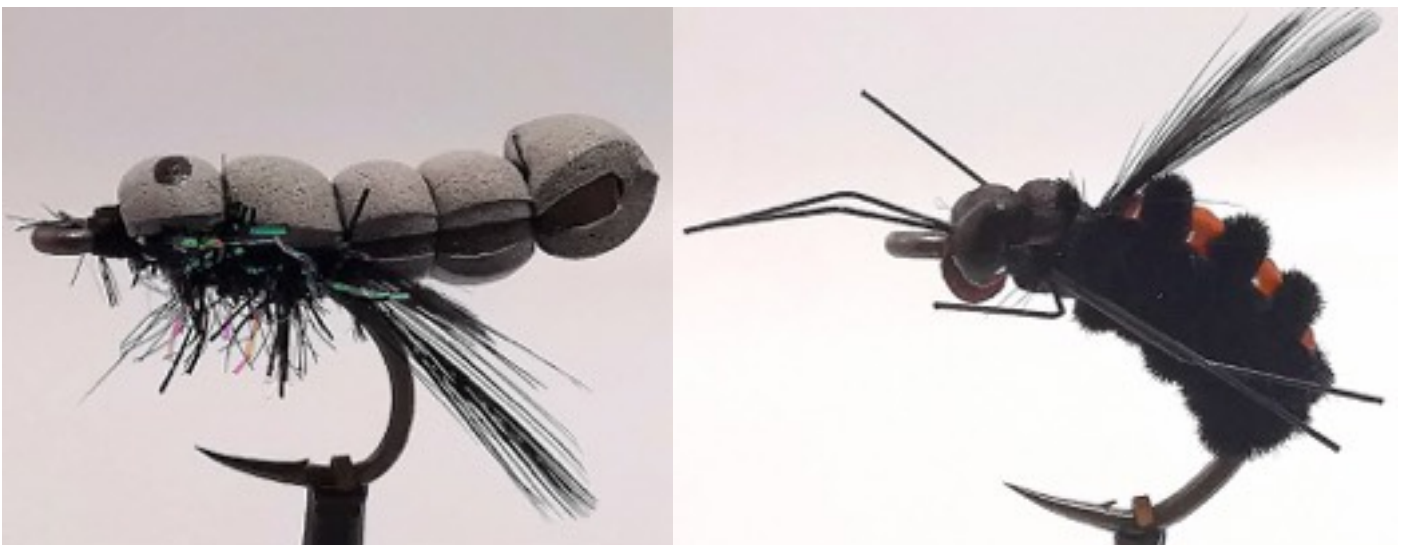


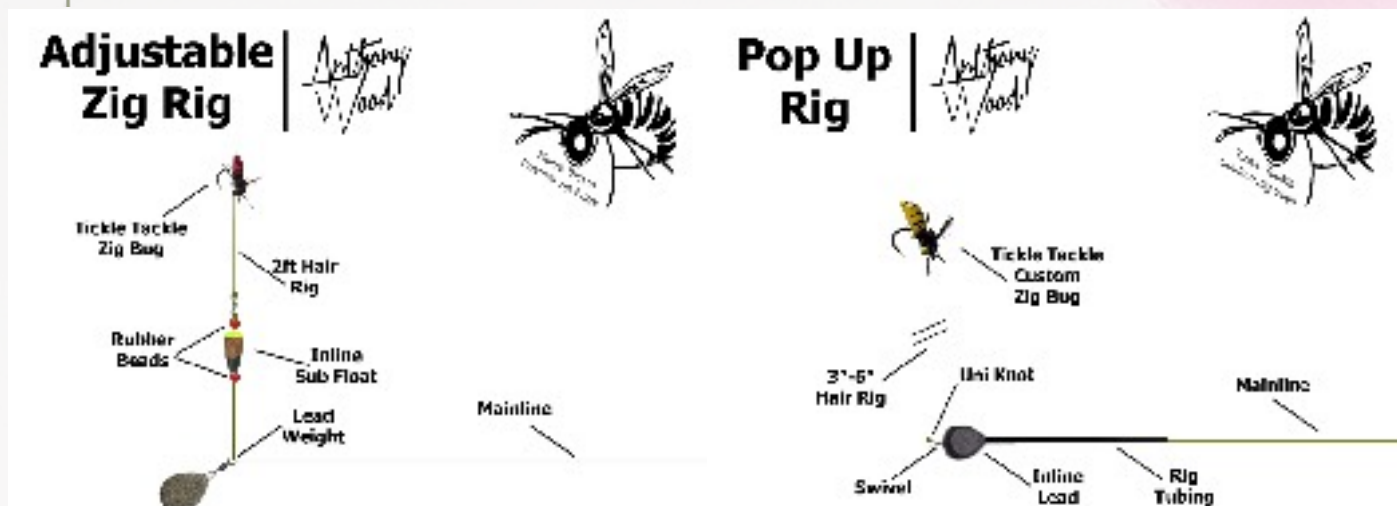


Something that seems to be a method that you either love or hate (or just can't get your head round) is zig fishing. If you can crack this method of fishing it is actually a very successful way of fishing for carp and can prove the difference between blanking and catching a fish.

The basic idea of zig fishing is to present an artificial bait either just below the surface of the lake or at varying depths within the lake to find where the fish are feeding.

Setting up a zig rig is fairly easy and can be as simple as a lead weight, a stop bead and a fixed length hair rig if you know what length you need to be fishing at. For me the best set up is an adjustable zig rig which is slightly more complicated to set up but gives you so much more versatility.

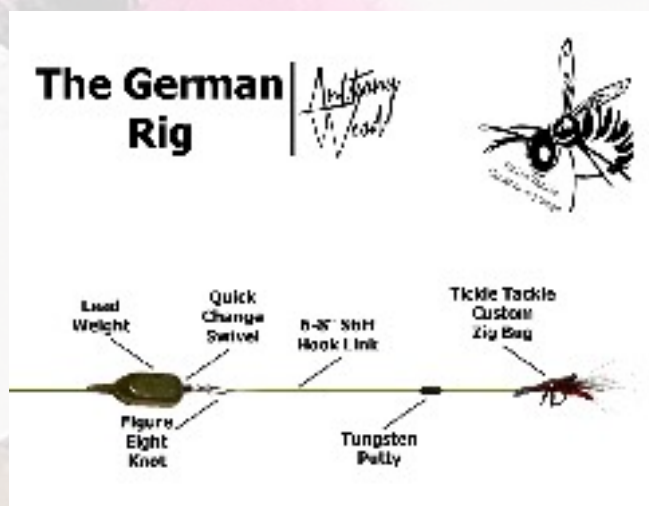




An adjustable zig rig is made by sliding a lead onto your mainline (do not use an inline), then slide a rubber bead on followed by an inline sub float and another rubber bead. Next tie a 2ft hair rig on to the mainline with your chosen zig attached to the hook end. You can now either cast out, tighten up and you are fishing a zig 2ft off the bottom or you can slowly release the fishing line until you see your zig appear on the surface. If you turn your reel a couple of times your zig will be just below the surface, you can then reel in or let line out adjusting the zig until you find the fish.

There are all sorts of zigs out there ranging from a simple piece of foam to imitation dog biscuit, to hand tied insects and more. I've tried all sorts over the years but some of my favourites (and seem to get a better response in my experience) is the Tickle Tackle Custom Zig Bugs.



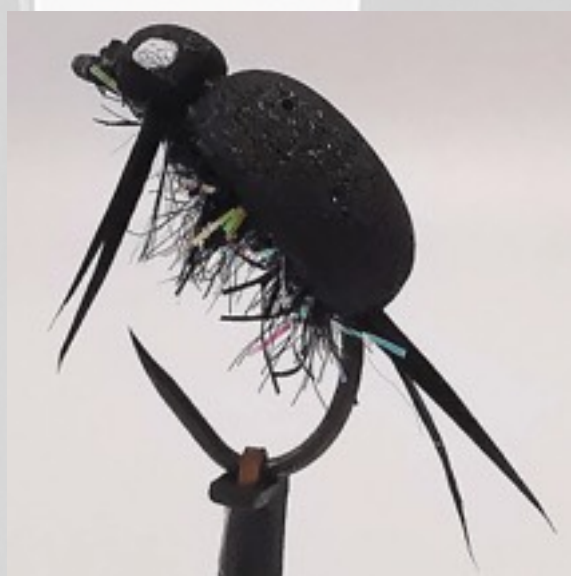


Sean Ford the owner ties these for all sorts of people and for all sorts of uses from ladybirds, wasps and boatman beetles to fish fry, leech, snails, crayfish and many more, some of them even glow!!

These are hand tied zig flies that are extremely high quality and tied by Sean who has been professionally fly tying for a number of years.

The zig bugs work extremely well on zig rigs (as you would expect) but you can also use them on the German rig as a buoyant bottom bait and as a surface bait with a surface controller, you will be quite surprised how versatile these bugs really are.

You can find out more about Tickle Tackle Zigs on their media pages www.facebook.com/tickletacklezigs and www.instagram.com/tickle.tackle.zigs





STIX CARP RODS

By John Flewin



With many of the top brands having rods as part of their line up its refreshing to see a new independent rod retailer come to the market ...

Stix are a family company that have been developing their range over the last 12 months to bring 3 new rods to the market .

Built using the finest components and the highest quality blanks you will be excused from expecting a huge price tag . However by keeping the rods in house and by buying in sensible the prices are incredible...

The first two models to come to market where the 9ft and 10ft retractable rods in both 3lb and 3.5lb test curves... these have been in test and use for over 12 months and have plenty of fish to their name. The 1k weave and minima guides create a strong yet incredibly responsive blank that can cast to the horizon and tame the beast under the tip. With the smaller retractable rods being in vogue these really fit the market and with a price point that male them irresistible.





The 12ft rods were built and developed with an "all round carp rod" approach. Labelled at 3lb and 3.25 lb test curves they are designed to cast beautifully but also have that through playing action that so many rods miss out on now ... in tests these rods have performed impeccably and their minimal look certainly creates a bespoke vibe. Yet again a crisp 1k blank with minima guides and Fuji locking reel seats are the perfect blend of simple and effective components that make these rods a pure anglers carp rod.

As stated above these rods represent incredible value for money yet zero compromise on quality or performance

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Tanya Rose



GCT Anglings Tanya Rose landed a superb 39lb 5oz whacker from Old Mill lakes just after the big storm! Poacher Baits hookbait on a Combi Rig using P B Products was the winning formula for Tanya. Well done !!



Bryan Marshall

A South African beast of a carp at 42lb for Bryan as he reports in with this beauty. Caught from Africa Gauteng

Mike Madeley



A single 15mm Smoke and Syrup pop up, was the downfall of this chunky Mirror. Fishing over the top of Silkweed at 40 yds, and away from my original baited area!!

The lake was fishing slow, so playing this fish in was so important, when the line flicked over the dorsal I thought I lost it, but when finally in the net, the hook hold was solid.

RG Baits and Kryston end tackle never lets me down, and I was pleased with the new Thinking Anglers Beaked chod hooks



Joe Bamford

Joe Caught the lakes only 30lb carp that was last out in November 2020 at 31.6 after a few more hairy moments with margins and overhanging trees the fish was in the net smashing his pb by 4lbs.

David Pendegrass



Above - My 2nd trip to Sumbar and a PB Grass carp all 72lb of it A2BAITS Banoffee the downfall of this one

Below - A special session with a brace of mid 40s. A2baits Monster Tuna getting the results again



Peter Conn



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turned up at first light and had a good scout around the water. After seeing a couple of shows. I unloaded the van and dropped into my chosen swim. I ended clipping up at 12 and half wraps and putting 6 spombs of Madbaits RNT and wicked whites onto the spot. After 2 hours the left hand rod was away. A lovely common carp. I topped the spot up with 4 more spombs. About 45mins later the left hand rod was away again. A lovely old bruiser of a mirror tipping the scales to 18lb 4oz.



Andy Murray

Andy managed a number of bites from Trent View Fisheries.

Andy baited with Pukka Fish Peaches and Sour Cream and Trent View House pellets. Fishing a double hookbait comprising a boosted bottom Hookbait and Peach and Orange pop-up. This was fished on a combi rig with a size 6 hook.

This 24lb Mirror was the best of the session.

Chris Turner

Chris managed this chunky 30lbs common from a recent trip to France.

Baiting an area with Cold Water Green Beast over a few days before dropping a small bag of crushed CWGB on the spot to get the bite.





Dan Winfield

Dan with a lovely Colne Valley mirror of 28lbs caught using a spread of DT's Peach and sour cream and Carp Particle UK's hemp. Hook bait of choice was a snowman presentation consisting of a peach and sour cream bottom bait and a pink Supa fruit 12mm pop up.



David Stephenson

David managed a new PB and a fish known as "Chubby Chops" at 28lbs 6oz. David used a Cold Water Green Beast pop up fished over a bed of crushed CWGB boilies and matching pellet.



Matthew Donnelly

Matthew has just returned from a special trip at Lepinet France.

Finishing top rod for the week with this magnificent haul of 17 fish!

53lb common

48lb common

12 x 30lb +

3 x 20lb +

All caught on the Fish, Blood and Orange.

Stephen Pettet

Stephen with a lovely 29lbs 15oz mirror known as "Millie".

Stephen used the Supa fruit opting to wash the baits out in lake water for 24 hours before glazing them in matching DNA liquid.



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Hannah Newell

Catch Report from Carp Particles UK Elite Team Member

This one has been a long time coming. The lake which this carp resides in, has beat me up good and proper every time I've dropped a rig in. Countless blanks and three lost fish.

Today, with only the day at my disposal, I thought I'd give it one, final go. I opted to fish two rods in the margins as I know the carp do patrol them throughout the day, fishing a DT baits cold water green beast wafter, on a D rig made up of a DSD tackle wide gape bp, d-rig kicker and the new test flouro hook-link. Over the top, I baited lightly with a mixture of DT bait CWGB freebies and pellet along with a couple of handfuls of Carp Particles UK "Dark Mix" soaked in Garlic Oil from Carp Particles UK. Around an hour after getting the rig into position, my left-hand rod burst into life, my heart was in my mouth! I have never been so relieved to see a carp roll over the net cord. All be it probably one of the smaller residents, this carp meant so much more than just another fish on the mat!

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Nathan Ellis

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The “Ivo Lin”,

When joining St Ives fishery, the Ivo Linear was a fish I wanted to catch. In my eyes one of the nicest carp on the complex and one I really wanted in my album!

After spending spring and early summer on Longreach/Meadow on the St Ives complex, I spent a couple work nights on Ivo getting a feel for the lake and started to gain as much knowledge on the place as I could. In those couple nights I had a handful of Bream to show for my efforts.

A couple months went by and as the nights were starting to draw in, I started thinking to myself “If I’m going to try catch the Ivo Lin, I’ve got to go for it now!” I gave myself 8 weeks to try catch and it and if I needed to, I’d return in the spring.

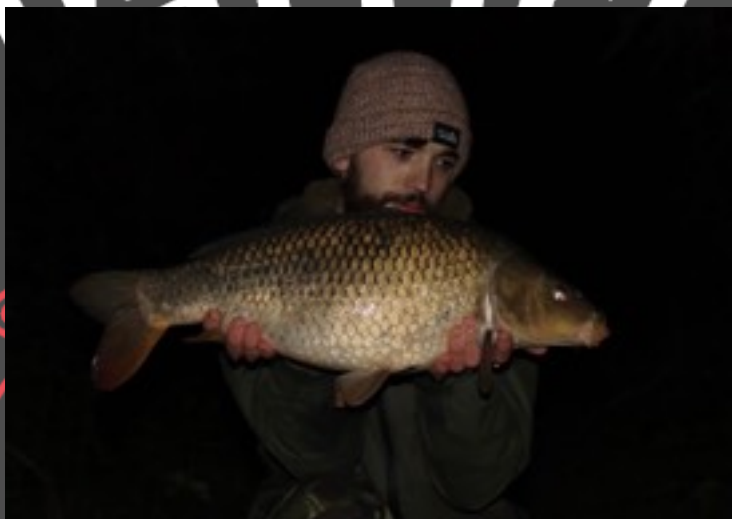
The first week I only managed the one night, catching a couple of Bream but got a hit of bait in and planned to visit the start of the following week. Monday came and it was time to go fishing! By the time I got there I had 45 minutes of light left to get the rods out into the zones and having them clipped they were soon out.

I was fishing two spots, one with two rods on it just fishing Baitworks Creamino boilie and matching pellet the other spot was a mix of Baitworks Atlantic Heat, Carp

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Particles UK Dark Mix and Tiger Nuts. This was the spot I was catching all the Bream from, I changed my approach and switched to a stiff multi rig on this rod so if the hook point was gone, I could quickly get the rig back out.

The night was quite apart from one show in the zone. At 4:30 in the morning my left-hand bobbin hit the blank, but it stayed, and the top started bucking down. I lifted into it and could tell it was a carp. After a short battle I had a small common in the net, what a result as the lake only holds 10 or so carp! Going just under 12lb, a couple of quick stills and back it went. Happy days, a few more Bream followed and I baited as I left for my return on the Wednesday.

I was buzzing to get back down following Monday's result and I was soon heading back down for another night. The rods went out sweet and I felt confident. Around 4:30am again I received a take, but this time off the spot with just one rod which I'd been baiting far heavier.

The spool was spinning and as I lifted into it and tightened my clutch, I was flat rodded and all I could do was hold on! After a hairy battle under the tip going under and over my lines a big set of shoulders was wallowing on the surface, I could see it was a good fish in the moonlight. I quickly bundled it into the net and flicked my head torch on, I couldn't believe it, there it was, the Lin sat in the bottom of my net! It was over already and I couldn't believe my luck!

I sat down on my bed, had a brew and just took the moment in. I got it out of the net and got it all sorted and weighed up. Soon returned safely into the water to rest until first light for some pictures. A morning I will never forget, holding up my prize for the camera and looking at the finer details this relic of a carp has to offer. Absolutely mega, them old ones really are very special!



Age Nielsen - CO-DE 18mm Pop-Ups



**Darren Rielly - Monster Carp
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Darren Rielly - Romania - CO-DE



**Deker Pye - 32lb 8oz CO-DE
Hookbaits**



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**Jason Bodill - 27lb08 - Cream
Cajouser Snowman**



**Keith Desmond - Chopped Trigga
and CO-DE**

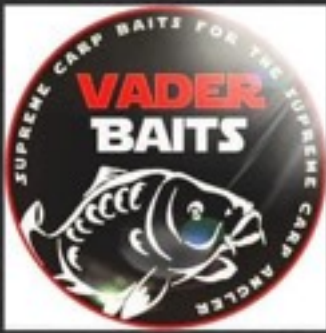


Khalid Chaoui on the Rhône



Team member Dean was on the Vader Baits social at the weekend at Creedy lakes. It was a slow start for Dean with his first screaming of from a spodded area of Le Nutz pellet resulting in a new pb of 23lb 11oz caught on 14mm Le Nutz hard hooker topped with half a pink Le Nutz pop up! Not long after his rod screamed off again banking a 19lb 11oz. The next day his other rod ripped into action on a Le Nutz 18mm white pop up which landed a lovely 16lb 6oz! Early hours the next morning Dean was awakened by fish number four at 19lb 10oz and quickly after that fish was released fish number five was quick to snap his bait up resulting a nice 20lb common to finish his trip!

Congratulations on your pb



Team member Kym was on the Vader Baits social at the weekend at Creedy lakes. He had an amazing social there! He drew peg 4 for the weekend. Throughout the social he managed to land 8 carp the smallest was 8lb 8oz and the biggest was 35lb!! They was all caught on a single 18mm Grafter with about 15 to 20 free boilies over the top. He was fishing 10.8 raps out apart from the 8.8lb carp that was caught on a snowman Grafter. He was very happy with the 3 20s but what topped it off was him and a team mate was just cooking a bbq and his right hand rod screamed off as he got it into the net he then knew it was a big fish! When we got it out the water and we knew it was a 30 and it was not in till we put it on the scales it went to 35lb!! At that point Kym knew he was getting wet for sure...only 5 buckets of water later and he was so buzzing for this fish!!!
Well done Kym on smashing your pb twice!!



Team member Martin was on the Vader Baits social at the weekend at Creedy lakes. Shortly after putting his rods in his right hand rod screamed off with his first fish at 22lb 15oz! After putting his rod back out about his left hand rod screamed off with the fish second fish at 19lb again shortly after putting them back out he was into another fish coming in at 18lb!! On the Saturday he banked a 19lb carp! All the carp were tempted by a Le Nutz wafter with a handful of Le Nutz and Grafter boilies!!

Le Lees Carp Fishery

Welcome everyone to LE LEES Carp Fishery.

We are a new venue officially opened in 2018. It is a family run venue, by myself, Matt, Tracie my partner and my son Thai.

Its been tough and we have been working hard to get the place ready for fishing this year. We purchased the place 3 yrs ago in a small rural village in brittany called Le Croisty.

With limited stock from a few pounds to 36lb. It is a 2 and a half acre lake, set in 6 acres of wood surrounded by fields. island in one corner with lilies in 2 corners,

The depths range from 7/8 feet around island gradually shallowing to around 2ft. We had the lake netted in 2016 and removed all the small roach, rudd and carp under 10lb. We put back over 80 carp from the netting in november that year and by february 2017 we introduced the new stock which ranged from 28lb to 48lb.

Our carp now go over 50lb. We estimate the lake has 150+ carp. We did not start this adventure to earn a ton of money, we started this for the love we have of fishing and to bring pleasure to others like minded.

We are a drive and survive venue for this year, with plans to introduce 5 small cabins as the venue grows. There is a caravan with cooker, water and toilet. We understand that fishing here in France can be very expensive, which is why we have priced our place to help make fishing here more affordable.

Le Lees Carp Fishery

Our price over the winter months (november 1st to march 31st) is 130 euros PPPW. 1st april to 31st october 150 euros.

We also do an evening meal at 70 euros pppw. Lake exclusive for upto 5 carpers with an evening meal is 750 euros pw.

Book a weekend from friday to sunday for 70 euros PP, or ask us for days to suite you and we will give you a great price.

A 50 euro PP deposit (non refundable) secures your booking.

Anymore info required, ferries, directions, reviews and more pics please visit our FB page.

Thank you for reading and we hope to see some of you on the bank landing some of our fantastic carp here in france.

Tight lines and may the carp gods bless you all.

Best wishes

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Matt, Tracie and Thai.



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