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**Joe Turnbull, Andy Murray,  
and the return of 'Geezer' Grant**



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*I set this business up to provide quality UK manufactured products at affordable prices for anglers of all ages and abilities”*

**Steve Davey**

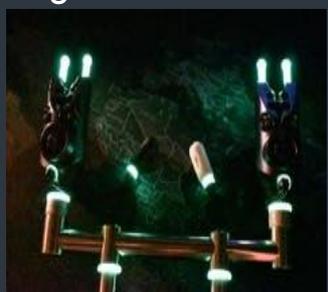
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# Hello...and welcome to issue 56.

Well, we are truly in autumn now it seems! The long sunny days and late nights have gone, to be replaced with the visual beauty that nature bestows upon us at this time of year. Albeit wet, windy and colder!

And on that note... a few changes need to be made to your angling, especially if it is your first year carping into the latter part of the year.

Warm and waterproof clothing. Take plenty with you, and keep a spare set in your boot, just in case. Getting cold and wet into a session can ruin your whole weekend, and obviously make you ill. Be prepared!

Hot food and drinks. Again, take plenty. Sandwiches and cold drinks are great in summer but now you should be thinking of drinking coffee, tea, Bovril, and a hot meal will go a long way to keeping you fed and warm. It doesn't have to be anything fancy, there are some great meals straight out of a tin, or make use of the cooking equipment that companys such as RidgeMonkey sell. Be prepared!

Finally, spares! Spare batteries, a spare headtorch, a spare gas canister for your stove, spare clothes and food as we have already mentioned, and make sure all your electricals are charged before you leave home. It is much easier to take it all home than to sit there wishing you had taken it with you. We hope that helps a little as you venture into the colder, wetter, darker months. There is no reason you cannot fish quite happily through some of the prettiest months of the year. Feel free to contact us anytime with more great articles and catch reports at the usual email addresses.

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*Don't Dismiss The  
Day Ticket  
by Joe Turnbull*

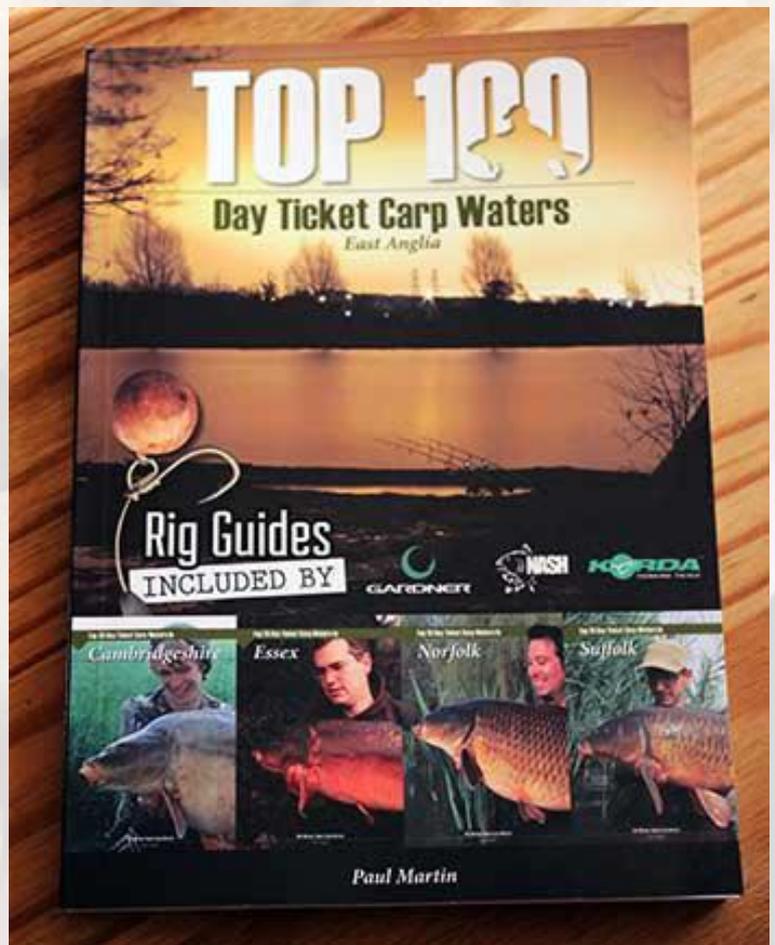


As you know, if you want to catch a carp of any size there are lots and lots of venues up and down the country that offer a days fishing for a relatively good price. They cater for anglers of all capabilities and are often avoided by many of us that look for those magical quiet places where you can't hear Bob calling over to Mick because he's "got one mate!".

However, if you look carefully and do a little research there are some real gems coming up or softly spoken about. Many of these venues were once upon a time stocked with small stunted carp that wouldn't appear to grow but time has delt these places with an ace card.

Lots of them, via the natural state of play and clever fishery management have gone to become full of mid 20's and 30's or if you look hard enough even 40's and 50's although the latter bigger fish bracket seems to have been met by commercialism and charges are often high. Still, you can find some absolutely beautiful places that were once easy "runs waters" but are now pretty tricky carp waters and suitable for a good days or nights session.

The good thing about these places is that if you haven't the money for an expensive syndicate ticket, because lets face it, the cost of some are quite frankly ridiculous then it works to "pay as you go". In fact I know of a great book put together by Paul Martin called Top 100 Day Ticket Carp Waters produced in 2019 and its a very informative purchase and well worth a look. You may have to go onto Ebay now as I think they sold out but because of the mention of many secret venues that contained some very big fish of 40lb plus.





but by looking about you can still find venues that actually fish better in Autumn/Winter than at any other time of year.

Bait tactics appear to have changed too on many of these places where groundbaits and particles may still work but my god they do love a boilie. I guess like most big carp, they are now used to eating food in the shape of boilies where they can get more nutrients without the hard work and whilst they can obviously be tempted by all sorts, I find straight forward boilies sort out the big fish from the off.

It's certainly worth a look if Quiet tricky day ticket waters appeal to you.

Autumn is here and Winter is fast approaching and this is a great reason to target many day ticket venues. Namely because of the lack of other anglers which alongside this comes the lack of pressure which in turn leads to the lack of bait applied. Unfortunately this can often cause the carp at times to slow down in their feeding

Quite often i'll start by finding the swims that look unfished as despite the general consensus whereby you look for the going swim, I've found that the bigger carp have learnt to steer clear of the blatant swims that see a constant bombardment of leads, large method feeders and spombs. Instead they can generally be found loitering around tight marginal banks/islands or difficult to cast to areas. Not to put any prejudice on the subject but there are quite a few anglers that frequent some of these

venues that aren't perhaps accurate enough to catch them in these areas. Don't get me wrong I still make that mistake myself from time to time as no one is perfect but its a skill worth getting right.

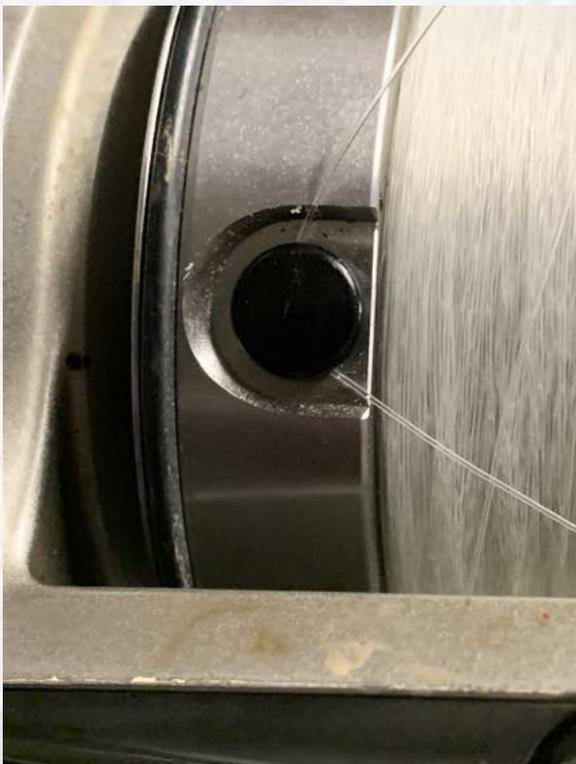
If you are one of those anglers that like to use the spool clip, you'll know just how accurate and close you can get to these areas without putting the whole lot into a tree, as often found on these venues. I find the clip totally invaluable and use it all the time, ensuring that I remain on the same spot time and time again. Usually, once you've had a bite from a



particular area it can very often continue to produce so accuracy is paramount.

I also like to have a walk around and find these untapped areas, many of which are great for stalking. Also I like to use 10mm baits more often than not in order to keep the carp in the area but unlike hempseed or a particle mix they don't seem to get them too preoccupied.

Baits like hempseed and small particle definitely make their way into the bottom debris which although keep carp occupied, can often work against us when we're only fishing quick sessions which most of these sessions are. Bites can take too long to come forth so this is why I find 10mm



## Don't dismiss the day ticket



boilies to work for me rather than against me. I'll also chuck in a few broken 15mm'ers amongst these so that it's not just little round balls that they find but different shapes which will hopefully confuse them a little. Once I've baited up a few close areas I'll make sure I keep a look out for the obvious signs like showing and rolling but the margins should never be underestimated.

Everyone wants to cast to the horizon and I can't blame them as it feels flaming great but that's not always where the carp are. Another thing I always look for are bank stick holes in the front of swims. If there are hole marks then someone has fished it pretty recently and so I generally leave

these swims alone and look for ones with no bank stick holes unless of course I note any carp and once I've finished in a swim I always cover up the bankstick marks.

I've had some lovely fish from quite a few day tickets over the years and will never regret one off until I've tried it thoroughly,

as you just never know what you're going to catch. That is the great thing about day ticket waters you just need to find the right ones and with that in mind do some research and get out this Autumn/Winter.

Good Luck

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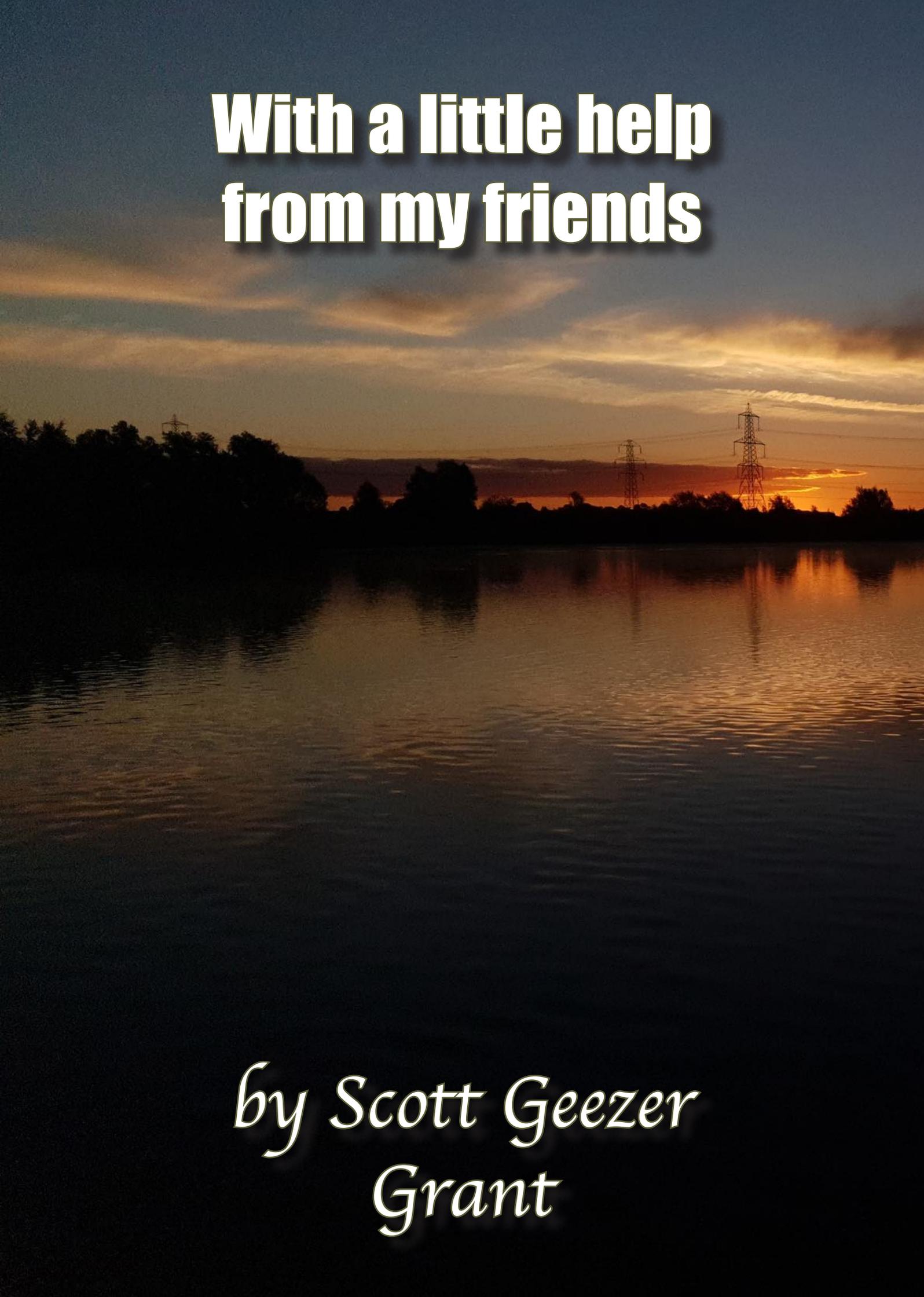
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**With a little help  
from my friends**

*by Scott Geezer  
Grant*

**This year has been a disaster for me as I expect it has been for everyone.**

People being furloughed and with all the lakes shut no one could go fishing!! I have my own battles, mid-March I was getting burning pains in my groin, it got to the point where I collapsed at home and had to call an ambulance out. They didn't know what was wrong with me and it was only when I was admitted to hospital, the MRI showed that I had a double hernia!! I have never been in so much pain and with Covid exploding up and down the country going to hospital was more dangerous than ever. I needed an operation but due to Covid all operations have been put on hold, they will only operate if it's an emergency,

well to me it was, but in their eyes it wasn't. I carried on going to work and even stepped up covering the role of Area Manager.

Throughout the Covid period I was in hospital 3 times all together and was discharged 3 times without the operation, I tested negative for Covid then positive, then 3 days later negative and didn't pass it on to a single person!!. So are the tests what they say they are?

I was prescribed strong pain killers Tramadol and Naproxen and it took weeks/months before the pain started to subside. My fishing was out the window as was my scuba diving so I really wasn't a happy chappy.

After spending weeks working from home when I could walk, I went over to my



syndicate lake to visit the lads and just to get out the house & out from under the other half's feet more than anything.

Driving for me was so painful so if I did go anywhere the Mrs took me. It was late July when I finally managed to get out on the bank for a couple of nights with a lot of help from good mates. It was hard as I am very independent but when you physically cannot do simple tasks, I had no choice but to accept help of which I was very grateful for.

Casting was a big no no but as you can use bait boats for me it was quite easy and not at all painful. Marker work on the other hand was a different story but somehow, I managed to get through it. My first session produced

a big fat blank and to be honest I struggled, but the positive for me was that I could do it, so a few weeks later saw me back over the lake, this time fishing a different swim. I marked a couple of areas I have fished before and knowing the swim helped me massively.

The boat came into good use yet again and with the rods out, the brolly set up it was a case of sit back relax and see what happens.

Bait wise I was using Atlantic Salmon & Japanese spider crab on 2 rods and my special tigers on the other 2, as well as crushed boilies and my faithful chilli hemp, along with 2 mm and 4mm pellets soaked in food dip. On the bait front I was well armed and full of confidence.

Most of the anglers were using



maggots, no good for the fish and come winter maggots simply will not work. But some anglers just want to catch and are not worried about the affects it has on the fishery. Myself and my good mate Nick stuck to our bait and would not be changing until later in the winter. The fish were doing really well last year piling the weight on and I was hoping that would carry on this year and we could be in for a few surprises. But with the lack of bait going into the water the fish simply didn't attain the weights I was hoping for.

It was early August when I managed to fish my second session and again a few mates were on hand to help me get my gear to my swim and help me set up. Its times like this when you really know who your true friends are, and I appreciated all the help they were giving me. I was settled into swim 9 and bivvied up in the snags, a swim I knew well

and knew exactly how to fish it.

I fished a single rod just off the snags towards the back of the swim, using a critically balanced tiger nut soaked in food dip, another single rod was fished up against the main snags this time using a white pop up on a Ronnie rig, I had another single rod fished out into open water at the bottom of the shelf, again fished with white pop up on a Ronnie rig and the 4th rod was fished just off a snag in the back bay, with a 3ft zig topped with a black foam ball.

My 3 baited rods were sent out in the boat with a bed of pellets, chillie hemp and a few handfuls of mixed sized boilies. So, with all basis covered it was time to sit back and

relax, the weather was going to be warm and I was sure the fish would get in the snags as they do when it gets warm. With a lovely south easterly





breeze, the snags are definitely the place to be. I stood at an opening in the reeds and watched the water, I could see a few fish arriving and amongst them was 2 fish I dearly want to catch, the Coconut common looked like a 4ft missile and then Buggies who was just waddling about and they both looked big.

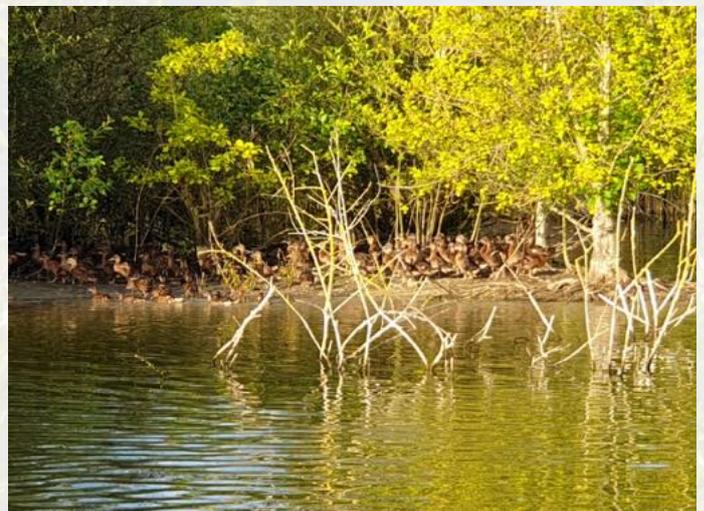
Now I know they are both within feet of my rigs the butterflies really started to get going. Late afternoon the temperature started to cool a little and it looked good for a bite. Ricky and Ian went down to get some food, but I was staying put. I sat by the water and the gnats started to make an appearance so it was time to cover up before I get eaten alive.

The rod off the snags towards the

back of the swim gave a single beep, I walked over to the rod and the line started to tighten, I lifted the rod and the fish was on, the fish tried to snag me a couple of times but I kept the pressure on and managed to turn it away from them, all the time I was thinking it could be any of the lakes 2 biggest residents and I was hoping for Buggies, the fish I actually joined the lake

for.

After another few hairy moments my prize was engulfed in the net. I was relieved and on closer inspection I recognised the fish as being Pawprint, last out at a massive 42lb plus a few weeks earlier and for me another of the elite ticked off the list. With the fish safe in the net I rebaited the rod and get the rod back on the dance





achievement and only possible with the help from my friends. I had a great night's sleep and woke the next morning early, and for me it's the best time of the day, coffee in hand watching the mist dance across the water and the odd fish crashing.

My good mate Nick turned up late afternoon and went into swim 1, which also covers the snags, but from the other side. When your fishing either of these swims you cannot leave your rods at any time, so if I wanted to go round for a cuppa or vice versa the rods would have be wound in. Nick got

floor. I called Ricky to come and do the photos and he had just got back from getting everyone's grub. He came straight round with Ian, and once in the swim the fish was lifted into my cradle and with the scales zeroed Ricky done the honours and Ian read out a weight of 38lb 4oz. I was well pleased and the fact that she has shed a few pounds was a good sign as I was sure she hadn't fully spawned, as she is usually around the 35lb mark. Ricky done the honours with my phone and took some cracking photos, the fish was then treated and returned.

For me it felt like a great





everything set up but left the rods and came round for a cuppa before getting them out and settling down. We sat chatting and could still see the fish visiting the bay to my right and where I have a rod that was on a zig, a great tactic and it works well on here.

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The following morning was my last, another of my mates turned up and wanted to follow in behind me and being the gent he is, spent the next few hours helping me pack my gear up and barrow it to my car. Just as I was coming back from my car, approaching



Nicks swim he was standing there with a mighty grin on his face, I just knew straight away that he had caught the mighty Buggies, and low and behold he had, he had literally just netted her and with the sling zeroed and the mat soaking wet she was lifted from the water and put straight into the sling.

Nick steadied the tri pod and the scales recorded a weight of 48lb 8oz, which is a massive weight for her for this time of year. This was also Nicks new English PB mirror and he done it in style.

I must have taken over 50 photos and with them all





trip but couldn't have been accomplished without the help from my friends.

I am looking forward to getting out on the bank again soon as long as I have my friends help.

Take care and stay safe out on the bank

done Buggies swam off strong. For me it just wasn't meant to be this time, I was so near yet so far, but hopefully one day I will be on the other side of the camera with her in my arms.

With all my gear now in my car I said my goodbyes and left for home.

For me personally it was a successful

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IN THE MARGIN  
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# Seasons, trips and planning....



*By Andy Murray*

Hi all,

well, darker evenings and cooler mornings can only mean one thing, Autumn will be here by the time you read this. I have had a good run of carp over the last few weeks, which I will talk about in due course. Quite a few anglers will have hung up their rods as well by now, when there are still carp to be caught. So, keep at it if you can for the next couple of months, as the carp have put on weight and usually in their best colours. It's also time to start thinking about winter fishing as well. As I am writing this, I'm making preparations to go to France for a week's fishing, which is long overdue and I'm so excited I can hardly sleep! This was our April trip which we had to put back to October, thinking all will be well by then, little did we know how things would pan out! Of course, it could all change at any minute with a new announcement but for now we are going. So, hopefully next month I will have some lovely French carp to show you, or at least a story or two to tell. Sals health continues to improve as her body is getting rid of the chemo. I have just completed the 300-mile challenge, which was to cycle 300 miles in the month of September, this was in aid of

Cancer Research. Ten miles a day doesn't sound much, until you miss a couple of days! I found myself having to do 20 miles a day for four days, talk about aching legs! Anyway, challenge completed, and I raised just short of a thousand pounds for Cancer Research, which I was pleased with. As much as I want to be on the bank fishing, sometimes other things have to take priority, balance in life is important to me.

Back to the fishing talk. Fishing a full season requires some planning, unless you are fortunate enough to fish one lake that fishes all the year round, that's providing you want to fish all the year round, each to their own. This year I wanted to try and fish into the colder months and if possible, right through the winter, I'm not sure I still have it in me, but I wanted to try. Part of the planning of this is getting a bit ahead with where I am going to fish. Whilst I have had a run of carp on the big Pit, it's not going to last and it doesn't have good Autumn form, never mind Winter. The carp have 20 acres of water in the middle that they can retreat to at any time, which they will start to do shortly. Given I will be back from France mid-October and then I will have to

isolate, its likely to be the third or fourth week at the earliest before I get back on the big pit if at all. It's very likely that the bites will be dropping off by then. Now usually, I might put up with the blanks until early November, hoping for that last run or two and the hang up the rods until early March. Considering there was a time when nothing would stop me going fishing, even when the lake iced over, I once even forgot my sleeping bag on a January trip and I was staying overnight, that was a long time ago though, I was a bit tougher then. I have done the odd session in winter here and there, or the odd winter league of Saturday matches, but this year I really want to try and fish through the winter. So, I decided to look around for somewhere to do just this. I would still like to do 1 or 2 nights every 2 weeks or so and have much less travel involved,

given reduced daylight hours. The other thing about winter fishing is to find somewhere that has some winter form, so having some chance of getting a bite or two is a must.

The problem is finding such waters these days, though I am aware a lot of anglers hang their rods up once the real freeze kicks in, so somewhere that is really busy in the summer might quieten off a bit. It came about last month when I fished with my son on a local water for 24 hours, it dawned on me, why didn't I think of it before? Since we moved to our new home, I now live 4 miles from Ladywood Lakes, it has an impressive tally of good-sized carp now and has good winter form. So that's where I will be starting my winter campaign - Covid and weather permitting. I have already made a number of plans of how to fish there, including a



change of tackle such as fishing rods, set-ups etc. This was quite timely as I have just joined a tackle company on the R&D team as well as other roles I will be taking up within the company. I'll go into the tackle and prep of setting my stall out for a winter campaign in later issues as we get into the fishing and I am on the bank. I am really excited about the company I have joined. Since I started writing again last year and started my blogs on the Mainline site this year. I have been talking with a few companies about some tie up, as I have missed being involved with the tackle trade for some years now. The thing was I don't just want to be 'an angler' who gets a bit of stuff and talks about it for some kudos.

I want to have a say on things and work on new products good and bad, be involved at all levels. So to be involved with new products to work on and develop, shows to travel to, fishing events to run, anglers to meet, I'm really looking forward to it, who is it? if you look at the pictures you might get a clue. More in due course...

Back to my fishing over the last month, it's been going well. I have covered the sessions in my Mainline Blog this month but felt it apt to talk through a few points I thought may help others. Like most I had to put up with crowded banks and struggled for swims quite a lot as the lockdown was eased. So having to settle for second best in

swim choice on a lake that isn't fishing well, can seem like a lost cause to some, before you know it, you are just going through the motions, just happy to be on the bank. This where sticking to a plan and keeping focus can pay off. I have spoken before about sticking to things such as bait for a



season etc. Then at the end of the year evaluating how things have gone. For me, sticking with the Essential Cell has worked as it wasn't bait that was the issue. It was partly the circumstances, partly my own application and partly the rigs I was using. Watching and learning through the blanks helped me change a mediocre season into a good season. So, what changed? It was a number of things really, firstly, its sticking at it as I said, a lot of anglers give up, instead of keeping going, they go somewhere easier to get a bite and "check things", which never really proves anything. After that its being honest with yourself. Are you making the most of your time on the bank and getting yourself in the best position? Then you must evaluate your actual fishing. This what I was doing throughout the blanks, I am my own worst critic about anything I do. It can be easy to make excuses but eventually they run out. I have written about the changes I made

in the last article here, so no point going over it again. It was to do with how I was approaching my sessions, with regards to baiting application and then presenting the bait over that.

Given I was having to fish one nighters as Sal was at the hospital every day, I had to make the most of the time I had, and I did just that. On a recent trip I had to Trent View and prior to me joining Clint there for a night we were chatting and he said something to me, which resonated, it was "I have got out of the habit of catching". I'm not having a go at Clint; he has an impressive tally of big carp under his belt. I think it's to do with getting



regularly and keeping at it, whereas if you are going less regularly you don't get into the flow. I think we all have spells like that, but it struck me I seem to have got into the habit of catching, when I turned up for one night I fully expected a bite or two, and I had them. The thing is, it didn't seem like I was really trying that hard. It's several little tweaks and things you do that make the difference overall, maybe it's just confidence. I was aware I was fishing quite differently to most there, which is maybe why I got a couple of carp. Two of the three rods I was fishing went off, I'll take that for a nights fishing anytime. So next time you go fishing, just hold back with the bait a bit and maybe focus on your application of bait whilst fishing. As I said there are still some carp to be caught this year, so keep at it.

Back to the France trip, my garage is now assembling a junk yard. Tackle has been sorted and re-sorted, boats checked over, large and small, batteries charged, Generator checked. Bait stockpiled, full selection of boilies both fresh and readymade, Particles prepared and back up particles as well. We are going to be fishing a fairly large water, we may not need this bait,

but we have to take it all, just in case. There is nothing worse that been on feeding carp and running out of bait. I have tied up a starting point of rigs, but I am prepared to make changes as needed. I can remember when I first started travelling abroad, which was many years ago in the early 90's, all we took was bigger hooks and stronger line, and a bit more bait, we could get half a dozen lots of gear in one van, and still have some space. Now we will fill my T6 with tackle and bait for two. Granted, we didn't have the amount of tackle, bait, boats, generators, batteries etc. I also think we expect the fishing to be better now as well. Back then there was little info on a lake unless you knew someone who had been, now there are videos on company sites, Facebook, U-tube, Drone footage of swims, reports on bait and rigs...It's almost unfair to the carp isn't it? Yet, we can still struggle for a bite at times...I'm just sooooo looking forward to a week on the bank, so bring it on!

Catch you next month for an update on France and tackling a winter water amongst other things.

See you then.  
Andy.

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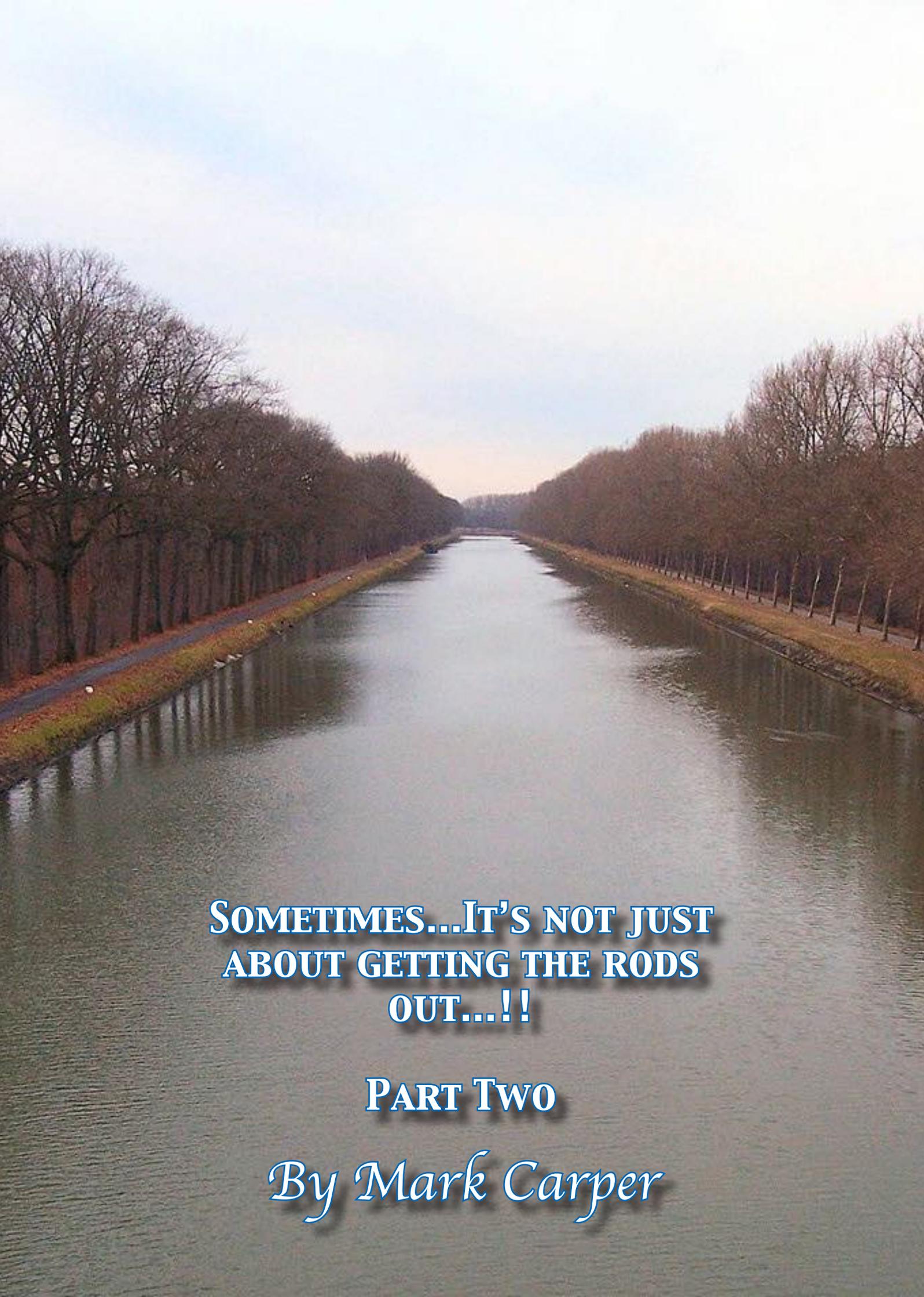


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**SOMETIMES...IT'S NOT JUST  
ABOUT GETTING THE RODS  
OUT...!!**

**PART TWO**

*By Mark Carper*

....and what spots they were..!!

Our first look at the 'Kempisch' proper and we were stunned. What a place and even though we could only see about 1000m in each direction, we already knew we had to fish it...!

The width was the biggest shock as what we had seen previously in both the

UK and here was the 'baby' in comparison to this, this was the daddy of the canals...!

At this point, we had to make a choice about which way to walk and knowing that the canal stretched for thirty seven miles, we also knew we would not see all of it, we had however, got a little bit of 'inside knowledge' that gave us an idea of which 'sections'

we should perhaps have some focus on.

Looking up and down we could see a couple of bridges in one direction and pretty much nothing but canal in the other and looking on good old, 'Google Maps' we

could also see a Marina and wider section, towards the bridges, so that was the direction we headed off, with the intention to cross the furthest bridge and walk back the other side.

After literally less than thirty yards, Denis spotted what he thought was a 'Bivvy' and as we got closer, sure enough, on the opposite side of the canal, which at this point was around 40m (130ft or 11 wraps), we could definitely make out a Bivvy...proof again that we were in the right place...!

After walking a few hundred yards, we crossed over the canal via the first footbridge we had come to, which just happened to be brand new and unopened. The bridge was to form part of a multi-million Euro





investment in the cycle paths that adorned the country and it was still 'taped' off at both ends, as the cycle paths had not yet been completed. No matter to us, and we were quickly on the opposite side and heading towards the bivvy.

As I have already described, the area was perfect in terms of the features and potential swims, with plenty of margin lines and bivvy space and

as we approached the bivvy, we then saw that there was a van and a gazebo set up too...you could literally drive and park to fish on this side of the canal. Could this get any better..?!

On approaching the fishing spot, we were greeted by a Belgian Carp Angler and a Romanian

Carp Angler. Both greeted us in English and we quickly got into a conversation about all things 'carp', or more to the point, we fired lots of questions at them about the fishing from this area. We soon established that we had indeed found a "Hot Spot" and a very hot one at that. Neither of the

anglers knew each other but had simply met on the bank and were more than happy to share the knowledge and information they had about the area, the spots and the methods to fish them....During this conversation, we got our first look at what we thought was a mega 'Barge'..! This thing was 33m (109ft) long and wasn't going slow. The bow wave and wake it produced literally crashed the shoreline...we were



going to need bigger leads...and some big 'Back Leads' too. The anglers told us how they managed to cope with the barges and good Back Leads were definitely needed, although the Belgian guy had an interesting technique using "rocks" as he explained...!

He also had an interesting way of getting his rig out to the spots, which were in the far margin...now, you can use Boats

and Bait Boats on the canals with no issue and the Romanian angler had a Bait Boat for his rigs, the Belgian on the other hand, had a Nash tackle 'Air Cradle' and an oar...! He simply knelt on the Air Cradle and off he went across the canal



to deposit his rigs and bait....Now, I also have the very same Air Cradle but fortunately, I also have a Bait Boat, and I know which one I'll be using...!!!

We left the guys and headed off to further scan the

banks and the water and literally every few yards, we could identify good swim locations and likely 'Carp' spots and again, the water was very clear. This did mean that there was weed but it also meant you could identify the clear areas and potential feeding spots with relative ease, but you definitely needed to put the leg work in and that was what we were here for this time.

Having spent time

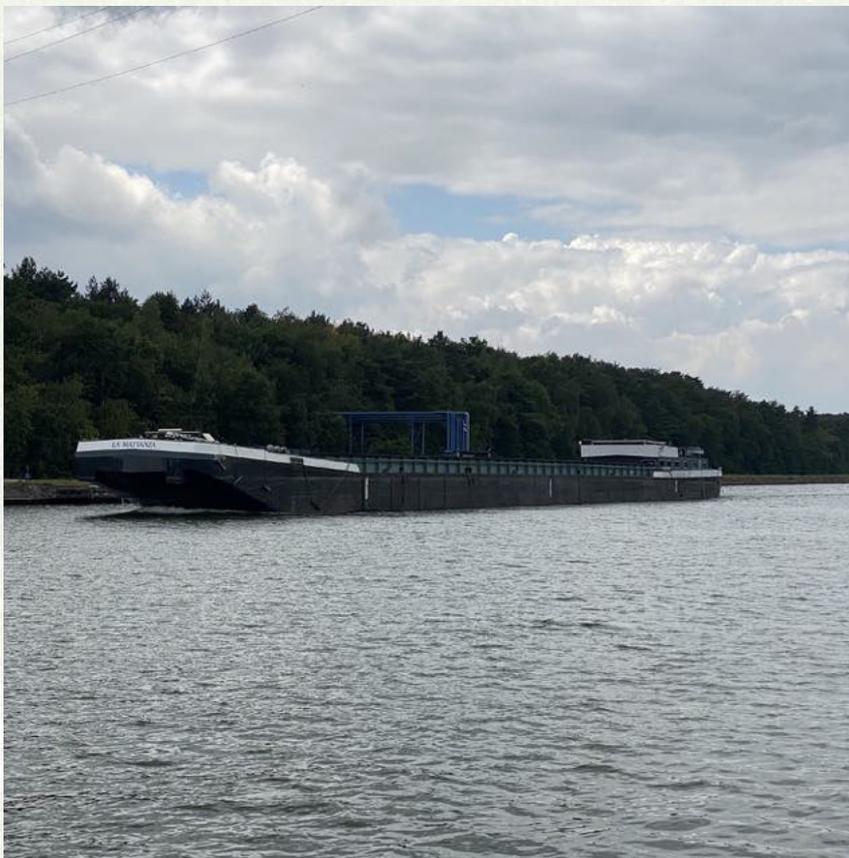
checking out a few more areas, on both sides of the Kempisch, we decided it was time to take our first look at the 'Albert'..!!!

As I have mentioned previously (if you took the time to read Part 1), the "Kempisch Canal" as the locals call it or to give it its' proper title, the Bocholt–Herentals Canal links the Albert Canal with the Zuid-Willemsvaart Canal

, but did you know, the Albert Canal was named after King Albert 1 of Belgium and it connects Antwerp with Liège, and also the Meuse River with the Scheldt River. It also connects with the Canal Dessel-Turnhout-Schoten, and its total length is 129.5 kilometres, or in old money that's, 80.46 Miles or 424,868.766ft or 35,405 Wraps, give or take one or two...and it took nine

years to construct starting in 1930 and has a standard depth of 3.4m (11ft). It's first use was in 1940 but due to the German occupation during WW2, it only started to get proper use in 1946...and here ends the History Lesson...!

The sight of this canal put paid to the 'Kempisch' being the 'Daddy', or at least if it was, the Albert was the Grand-Daddy...!!



Having a minimum 'Bottom' width of 24m (80ft) along its' full length, it stretches to an average width of 104m (342ft) to an incredible width of over 171m (562ft or 47 wraps) in places, which, to try and put into some sort of perspective, at its widest it is the equivalent of a forty-seven lane UK Motorway. The barges you can encounter on



this canal can be a whopping 107m in length and 9m wide... and they leave a wake that needs to be seen to be believed...!!!

As you can imagine, the only real option on any of these sections is to fish the near margin and unbelievably, we found carp in numerous spots along our route but we found that along the canal were smaller canals that could only take

small 'cruiser' type boats and some that were off limits to all powered boats... and it was these areas that we found the most interesting and exciting. The widths of these sections

were only around 15m and were again, 'gin clear' with weed and clear spots all along the margins. Easily accessible either by car or foot, with plenty of 'Bivvy' and swim space and Carp showing themselves both in the margin clear spots and cruising on the surface. It literally was 'carp heaven' and the temptation to get the

rods and return that date was a difficult one to resist, but we still had numerous areas marked as 'Interesting' on the map to explore and we were determined that we would check them all out before we got any rods out, plus, we had to get our Permit sorted first too.

There are two 'Areas' in Belgium when it comes to fishing and you need the correct permit for the area you wish to fish.



One area is called 'Wallonia' and the other is 'Flanders'. You have to understand which area you are going to fish and buy the correct permit. The majority of Post offices in Belgium will assist with this in each area but you can also purchase the permits online too, but make sure you get the correct one and for the type of fishing you will be doing. In virtually all areas we visited on this trip, Night Fishing for Carp was allowed but again, you do need to check that this is the case where you are, if it is a Public Water. There is information available on line to help with the permit issues but to be fair, once you know the area, it is pretty straight forward and the only other thing to remember is that either permit will only last until 31st December, no matter when you buy it.

The second day nearly over, and we had covered over ten miles on-foot. We had literally walked our legs off and crossed and re-crossed bridge after bridge. We had found some incredible spots and all had been safely locked in to our phones on Google Maps and given key names such as "Koi Point", "Entrance to koi Point", "Marina Swim",

"Bridge 64", "New Bridge", "Park & Fish" and numerous others, all of which meant something about the location and it's fishing potential.

After a rather long and tiring final walk back the car, we arrived back at base completely shattered and it was at this point, Denis realised he had literally "walked his legs off" ...!!!



As he exited the car, he could barely move and somehow managed to shuffle his way to the sofa in the Chalet, where he promptly fell asleep. HaHaHa...!!!

After a quick shower, a few beers and some food, we set about planning for our second full day on the canals and had also decided to recce some large 'lakes' that were close by that looked as though they could have access and therefore the potential to be fishable...

...We had also discovered a rather special looking 'Urban' water, and some stretches of small canal links at a town that would be on our route back to Calais on the Sunday and we also logged these locations in preparation for our final stop off on the way home. It also had a very special



looking area that could be fished but we needed to get a closer look to be certain.

We planned to be up early and off on our travels but our legs, and minds, had other ideas and we didn't get 'Water-Side' until mid-morning on the Saturday.

We had arrived at what looked like a good starting point on

the map and it was further along the Albert canal from where we had explored the day before. On the map, it showed some promising 'branch sections' of canal and once again, when we arrived, we were not disappointed. Belgium was the Country that just kept on giving, in terms of its 'Carpiness' anyway.

The sections we

walked were much more 'intermate' than the areas we had previously found and once we had crossed over the canal and away from the tarmac Cycle Paths, we were immersed in a much 'wilder' carping scene. The water sections were narrower than anything we had found before and there was no vehicle access to the majority of the area, although we did discover a gem of a section that

would allow the car to be close by and enough room for the bivvies...when I talk about bivvies, I mean more in terms of the 'Nash Hide' type affair and the 4-fold bed system...the whole thing with this type of fishing is having the ability to be 'Mobile' and find the fish and if required, move with them. We would not be setting up a 'camp' for a weeklong session as we would do on the French waters

we fished, we would aim to be ultra-mobile and that is why we use shorter rods and aim to carry minimum gear. It's fine if the car is close by but that may not always be the case and the order of the day would be to use Barrows to shift kit as needed or to simply keep

mobile during the day and return to a fixed spot for the night. Mobility was key, but at that moment, we were both walking liked we had crapped ourselves as our legs were properly seized...!!!

Eventually, we arrived at a spot that we decided, no matter what else we found, this would be our first stop when we came back to fish. This spot had everything we had been told to look for....a bridge, structures in the water, clear margin areas in the weed, slow flow, no boats and...and Carp cruising in groups just below the surface of the clear water.

Not just any old Carp either...here we found a bright orange 'Koi' that easily would send the scales past 20lb and it was accompanied by another six or seven



Commons and a couple of Mirrors, some of which looked likely to go low 30's. we stood and watched them cruise up and down a little section close to a structure in the water for around thirty or so minutes and the decision to not run back to the car, head back to Chalet and grab the rods was a difficult one to make, but fortunately, seeing that it was a Saturday, the decision was made for us when three local anglers arrived with their 'Poles' and 'Spinning' gear and proceeded to set up where we would have fished. Incredibly, they made no attempt to even try and fish for the Carp but simply set about targeting the Perch and Eels... unbelievable... Thirty-pound Carp cruising 10 yards in front of them and they completely ignored them...!!

We walked a little further but to be honest, after seeing that and also considering the other locations we had found and stored the days before, we decided that we had seen enough of the canals for now and would head back to the

car, have the obligatory brew, and then head off in pursuit of some 'lakes'...and therein lies another story....

...to be continued  
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# Not everything goes to plan



By Karl  
Brandreth

At the start of 2020 everything was going as planned, but then we had a lockdown and then after the lockdown we all got back to fishing and I was catching regular as buses, until recently. Now I can't buy a bite. My bad luck started down in Shropshire at Monument 1, when I went down for a session with two of my friends. I was on peg 6 and I thought I would have scraped one out at least, but it was not to be.

We got there, set up and I sat there making D-rigs with small snowman baits on, balanced within an inch of their lives, and once the rods were wrapped up to the distance I set about casting out and flicking a few freebies out then sitting there watching the water. Over the next 36 hrs nothing happened, not even a bleep, well the

session went so quick one blink and it was time to go home.

I was on my way home thinking about the next time I'll be there, and it will be with my son Dean for 6 days. I couldn't wait... I'm on peg 6 and dean on peg 7.

The day soon came around to make our way down to Monument 1 for a week on there. We

arrived in the carpark and queued up to pay our ticket, whilst in the queue I was watching the water and I saw a few fish boshing out and I was getting excited.

We got the gear to our pegs and set up our kit ready for the 6 days ahead of us, we sat together making rigs and discussing what approach would be for the week.



We decided to chuck out one rod as a single bait and the other a small pva mesh bag with pellets and crumbed up boilies and a touch of hemp oil to pull the carp down, the only thing that was bugging me is that the wind is in the wrong direction. I kept checking the weather and it said it was going to swing the opposite way on our 3rd day.

The only thing with Monument is that you book a peg in advance so you can't predict the weather, any way we battled on and the first couple of days were quiet for us just the odd liner on the alarms, only a couple of smaller fish came out from down the other end at the end of the wind, then Saturday night one guy at around tea time caught a 51lb mirror, a new lake record, and the guy in peg 4 pulled

out a huge 38 lber later on that night.

The next morning Sunday, my rod ripped off I jumped up grabbed my left rod and struck into a heavy fish. I played it for around 15mins, it came into the edge and beat me up, then the hook pulled straight out and I saw this dark shadow swim away. I was gutted!! I stood there with my head down, my son just put the net down and walked away quietly. I sat on my bed for ten minutes thinking what was wrong. I

checked my rig and my setup, the hook was sharp and nothing was wrong with my setup, oh well you can't win them all.

The carp slipped into my area for about an hour then moved back down the lake with the wind and out of reach, the next few days were as quiet as a mouse, not even a liner or fish boshing out, they had completely switched off. No one else caught from the lake while we were there then, and the day came to pack up and go home.



We really enjoyed the 6-day session having a laugh together and a chilling week.

The next session was on my local lake in Cheshire. I had a shower at work and made my way to the lake to meet a couple of mates there for a social. I had chosen a peg very small and very rarely fished so it would be good for a bite or two but as usual that wasn't the case.

I had settled down to some tea on the Friday night and a

few brews plus sitting and chatting with my mates putting the world to rights, soon it was time for bed and I was shattered. In the middle of the night at around 3.30am my left rod let rip. I shot up out of bed like a spring, ran over and started to play the carp. It was on for about 10mins when it decided to kite right and around some bushes, there was nothing I could do but the line went slack, gutted again! It had spat the hook out on a branch. I sat there putting fresh bait on

and I cast the rod out and sat watching the water and listening to the wild nightlife. I drifted back into a deep sleep and was woken up with a

liner at 7am. I never sleep in that late when I'm fishing but woke as rough as a grumpy bear.

***(Talking Carp... come on Karl, you are really just a teddy bear!!)***

I was coughing and sneezing so I spent the rest of the session feeling sorry for myself. As quick as that.

Sunday morning came around and I was making my way home. As I say not everything goes to plan, and for some reason I can't buy a bite or I'm losing them. We all have times like this, but I know I'll get over it. So hopefully I'll have better luck next time

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# The Cover Fish by Leigh Leavesley



I have fished the Linear complex on and off for over 20 years, but this was the first time I have ever fished Hardwick Smiths or even walked around this unbelievable lake. On that first lap of the lake I couldn't believe what I had been missing, to say this lake is breathtaking is an understatement. It has everything you could ever want from a lake; little intimate bays, margins with overhanging trees that scream carp and severe underwater features from steep bars to clay plateaus, a true carp anglers paradise.

I began my session on the road bank, fishing to a plateau in around 12 feet of water, a spot I felt gave me a good chance of a few fish. All three rods were positioned on the plateau as close together as possible. I then proceeded to deposit 20 medium spombs over top of the three rods. The spod mix consisted of spabaits 12mm fsb boilies, 12mm milky fizz boilies, hemp and maize. I settled in for the night taking in the atmosphere of this historic water thinking about all the anglers that have sat in this very spot over the years and feeling very excited. I was like a child at Christmas; having very little sleep that first night. Night fell, and morning came with no action. It

was obvious the fish were towards the cut through to Smiths' side of the lake. With no chance of moving the day was spent watching the fish show well out of range. Very frustrating but on busy waters sometimes all you can do is wait and hope the fish decide to move. It was not to be. The second night passed the same as the first with the whole of the road bank only doing one fish in the first two nights. Then the opportunity of a move into the area the fish had been for the last two days as a few swims became available. I was packed up in double quick time. My gear heaped on the barrow, stuck out in all directions, it looked like a car crash, I was round there in a flash. It was like a weight had been lifted as now I felt like I had a real chance of my first Hardwick carp.

Once in the swim there were so many options, having the opportunity to fish in either the Hardwick or Smith side or the small channel separating the two. I took my time, not rushing to get a rod out onto showing fish, I felt sitting on my hands and taking my time to consider all the options was the best course of action as I didn't want to ruin the swim before I had even settled in. This may have

been the last chance I had to get onto some feeding fish with the lake being so busy. Whilst I sat there looking at all my options several obvious features or where the fish were regularly showing came to mind. That was it! Decision made. I will do the complete opposite. As on busy day ticket waters, being different often pays off. With lots of fish showing to the left side of the swim in the Smiths' side I decided not put a single rod out here instead giving them a lot of line free water. Most people would be thinking he is bonkers in this situation as the fish were there in numbers, but I was thinking outside the box and trying to think about what the carp would do. The next section of water was the small channel between the two bodies of water, this was a great interception point as the fish



are funnelled into this section of water as they pass from one side to the other. There is a reed bed and some snags on the far side of this channel and the fish were passing through very tight to the reeds. It was clear they had had a lot of pressure in this area. Most people would have fished tight to the reeds, so I decided to fish several rod lengths away from the reeds, almost in the middle of the gap.

This gave the fish plenty of room and line free water. This rod was also fished with a slack line and only 2 spombs of bait over the top, as I was fishing for one bite at a time. The other two rods were fished to the far right of the swim as I found a bar at 40 yard that came up to 12 feet of



water with deep water all around it. The fish were showing a lot further and straight out, but I didn't want to cut the channel rod off by fishing straight out into the Hardwick side of the lake. The line direction through the swim was a massive part of my thought process in how the fish would react. I also looked for a spot to the far right and not too far out. It was an awkward cast and not what most people would do. I knew the fish would not encounter my lines and gave them a lot of line free water; it would only be a matter of time until they moved closer in. I decided to bait the second spot with a good half bucket of my spod mix. Now all the rods were on the spots and fishing; I sat back, made a well-earned cup of tea, took a deep breath and was enjoying the mid-morning sun.

Suddenly, the channel rod was in meltdown. I almost couldn't believe it, after 2 nights of motionless bobbins my tea went flying in a mad dash to the rod. As I picked





It's funny how much you relax once you land that first fish of a session. But the reflection was short lived as not long after getting the rod back out it was away again. After what can only be described as an insane arm destroying fight an immaculate 28lbs 8oz mirror was

up the rod it was straight into full battle curve and I was attached to my first angry Hardwick carp. After a very spirited fight the fish slipped over the net cord, with a big sigh of relief and short loud 'YES' I was staring down at my first carp. The buzz of that first fish from a new water is something you just can't explain, after taking a second to let the moment sink in, I unhooked the fish, on the scales the fish went 21lb 3oz. With the rod back on the spot and 2 more spods over the top it was time to relax and reflect.

my prize, a lovely brace of fish and what a start in the new swim. I would have settled with that for the day, but the action was still not over. I went on to have two more fish that afternoon before the rods went quiet for the evening.

Night passed and it was late morning until I received any more action. Which resulted in a double take on the open water spot. Luckily, I managed to land both fish a low 20 and an upper double.

What a great start to the day! Having taken the pictures, the rods were back on the spot. No sooner than it took the kettle to boil, the channel rod was away. This time a much slower take, the spool on the reel slowly churning. As I picked the rod up, I knew this fish was different gravy and after what felt like an age a massive head and a set of common shoulders appeared from the depths. My knees started to knock, and my heart was racing, the fish took a gulp of air and it was beat. As its head went over the net cord it had one more lunge for freedom, the line went slack, and it was gone! My heart sank, I was almost in tears. That sick feeling in the pit of my stomach stayed with me all day. It was massive and no doubt, the biggest common in the lake. I managed another six fish that afternoon to mid-20 which eased the pain of the loss a little. But in my heart, I thought that my chance of one of Hardwick's A team had gone. With bite time between 11am and 3pm, the evening and night passed much the same as the previous day.

By mid-morning it

was obvious the fish had moved to the other end of the lake. With no chance of moving as all the swims in that area of the lake were occupied. It was going to be a slow day but at midday a bite out of the blue on the channel rod. After a spirited fight from what felt like a better fish a nice mirror slipped over the net cord and on investigating the net, I knew I had my first Hardwick 30. What a result from what had been a very quiet morning, on the scales the fish went 30lbs 4oz and a stunning fish to boot. After the disaster of the previous day I was back on a high. There was no more action that day, but I had a feeling the fish may just turn back up after a day down the other end of the lake. The decision was made to really increase the amount of 12mm milky fizz boilies





in my mix, almost all boilie, with a handful of fsb, hemp, maize and spabaits spod pellets. This paid off; on cue the next morning, just after 11am the channel rod was away, this fish fought long and hard, it did not want to surface. What a relief it was when it finally went in the net and at 31lb 13oz it was 2 30s on the bounce. What a result, my luck was changing, I was buzzing.

But no sooner had I slipped this fish back, I had a double take on my open water rods. They were totally in sync and they were melting. I was convinced the lines had knitted together and it was just one take. I picked up the first rod and it was stripping line at a rate of knots, I could tell it was not a big fish as it was too fast and erratic. As that fish was on its first

long run, I picked up the second rod to see if I could part the line, this is when I realised the lines were going in opposite directions. This fish felt much heavier, slowly plodding away from me. With a rod in each hand and no control over either fish I shouted Mike to come

and take a rod. I passed him the rod with what felt like the smaller fish and we began the dance of knit one, pearl one as the fish decided to keep crossing over each other. This was a very tight part of the swim with a tree overhanging so when on that side, you couldn't pick the rod up in the air. I decided to let my fish swim around in open water while Mike landed the first fish, a 18lbs 2oz mirror. With that safely in the net I continued to play the fish I was attached to, luckily it all went to plan. Once in the net I could tell this was special, hoisting the fish on to the mat it blew me away, I couldn't believe what I was seeing, **THE KING OF THE LAKE .It was the COVER FISH,** weighing in at 36lbs 4oz it was



down on its winter weight but what a fish and what a difference a day makes. I was on cloud nine, it had turned from gut wrenching to a dream session in the blink of an eye. You just can't explain the range of emotions, the highs and the lows are what makes moments like these so very special. It's a journey we all travel as anglers and one that makes this obsession so very real. After pictures, the soaking from the lads and watching that unbelievable creature swim away I had time to reflect and soak up the moment. That was a day I will never forget.

After the capture of the cover fish, the action went quiet and I could have chilled out for the last two nights, but I decided to continue to work hard as it's not often these types of sessions come around. So that evening a big helping of bait

was deposited and as the previous nights had, came and passed with nothing to show. By mid-morning knowing the action was not due for an hour or so I decided to go for a shower. What happened next was bonkers, on arriving back in my swim I cast the first open water rod on the spot. Before I'd even got the bobbin on, it was away, this was the start of a manic few hours. The first 3 takes I couldn't get a second rod in the water and when I finally did, it resulted in several double takes and even a triple take. With ten more fish on the bank and a few unfortunate losses in just over 2 hours, including another three fish over 30lbs! What a day, totally exhausted and in shock at what had just happened I was glad for the lack of night bites. I thought the action was over for this session, as I was heading off the next morning

but at 7am the open water rod was away, resulting in an unbelievable battle from a stunning 29lb 2oz common. I decided to call it a day after that fish. The final tally was 29 bites; 25 landed including 6 fish over 30lbs to 36lbs 4oz, 14 fish over 20lbs to 29 lbs 2oz and 5 upper doubles. It was a week with low points, high points, an emotional roller-coaster and a trip I will never forget.

People ask me why I go fishing, it's for moments and memories like these, there's no greater pastime in the world.

I would like to say a quick thank

you to Mike Sproston for the company and being on point with the camera and to Jay Bezza for capturing it all on film which will feature on his Youtube channel Bezza's Carp Channel.

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**CARPe diem: seize the day, seize the time by Carl Milton**

If I had a pound for every time I'd heard someone say I wish I had more time to go fishing I'd be pretty rich. We live in very busy times, where it can be hard to fit our angling in. But with careful effort and thought it is possible to find more time for our fishing.

Life is all about balance and compromise. I like to think of my life in sections; essentials and niceties.

Essentials are those things that I won't compromise on. Some are common to all of us for example time to eat, sleep, drink and earn money. But some of our essential

time priorities will vary between us. My essentials list includes spending time with my family and friends.

Niceties are the things that we all like to spend time doing. For me this would include carp fishing, watching football, weight training, watching films and running. Some are higher priorities than others. Running is quite important to me personally as I value keeping healthy highly. But without doubt my carp fishing is high up there on my list of priorities.

To really effectively manage your time you first need to work out your own personal essentials

and niceties. Once this is established, the next stage is to work out how you presently spend your typical week. It is sometimes helpful to write down how you spent your time over the last few weeks. With this information to hand you can then start prioritising the niceties. It's important at this point to stress that you should never compromise on your essentials, this always ends badly.

If after looking through your niceties, you then decide prioritising time for fishing is your goal, you need to decide which other niceties to compromise on. Personally when conditions look right



work is hard, especially in those months where days are shorter. But if you truly want more time on the bank and more fish in the net this is a definite option. I

even my running will be put on the back burner, as my carp fishing is my priority. I always think that we all have 24hrs in a day how we choose to spend it is down to us. There will certainly be tweaks that most of us can make to give us more time to go angling, if that is truly what we want.

When analysing how you spend

your typical week, if you truly want to increase your fishing time you need to look at every aspect of your day, and be quite strict with yourself. How many evenings do you spend sat watching television for example. This time could be spent doing a quick overnight session. Setting the alarm early to pack up and be home for a shower before

find quick overnight sessions either in the week or even at weekends are a great way to get some fishing in, without impacting too much on my family life.

Even when I'm not fishing, whenever I can I'm thinking about my fishing. Even a free half hour can be used to prepare for a future



angling time is to think about using any small pieces of spare time in our week to do these to free up fishing time elsewhere. Most people tend to store their chores

session. It's surprising the difference that 30 minutes can make. Simple things like pre-tying rigs, preparing bait and tackle, and doing your homework on a venue is time well spent. In terms of bait and tackle it's especially important to have complete confidence in what you use. When doubt starts to creep in you don't make

the best use of your precious angling time. I'm lucky in that the bait I use Steamies supplied by individual baits gives me complete confidence as does the tackle I use. So this leaves me free to focus my time on location and watercraft.

There are certain chores we all have to do, but another tip to maximise our

up for the weekend, but doing a few in the evenings can free up time for fishing. I also store up my big diy chores where possible for the times of year where the fishing is not as good.

Carefully planning your annual leave from work can also be a useful tool. Thinking through how best to use this holiday time to the

best benefit of your fishing can be a very effective way to put more fish on the bank. Studying the time of year that your target fish tend to get caught and booking more of your annual leave around this time, has stood me in good stead in the past.

Another great way to combine family time and fishing is take the family along. Although don't be surprised if your family catch something bigger than you sometimes, as my wife

has done several times. Overall there are many ways we can use our time more effectively to get more time on the bank and in turn put more fish on the bank. It really helps to take a step back from our busy lives and analyse what we are busy doing and what

are our priorities, by doing that we can focus our time more effectively and achieve our goals. Link for Steamies bait : <http://www.steamies.co.uk/> Catch me on Instagram @ [CarlMilton4](#) Tight lines until next time best wishes

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# Winter Preparation & Helpful Tips

by Richard Handel



**Any carp angler that is wishing to have a successful Winter campaign, will need to have done a lot of preparation and thought into where, when and how you will be fishing. I know it's only October, however, you need to start planning now.**

## **1- Venue**

Pick a venue that you are happy with and do your homework before the Winter sets in. You can't just turn up in November, with no idea of the features the fish love, where they are and their patrol routes.

The way I do this, is to pick 4 swims depending on the size of the venue (more if larger). They need to give you access to view and observe the lake when you are there. Always listen out for topping fish, on quiet cold Winter nights, you may just hear a fish in your area or an another close by and be on them the next time.

## **2- Swim Choice**

Know your swims before Winter arrives. Take note of horizon markers as Autumn arrives and clip up and count the number of turns round two poles. Now if you really want to confuse other anglers, instead of using 12 ft why not use 9 or 10? It does not matter as long as you use a length of cord with a loop in each end, why does it need to be 12 ft, it will keep the other anglers of your spots.

This year I will be arriving for all my Winter trips in the dark, so, I will need to be fully aware of all the spots I am fishing, well before Winter. This is OK if you only fish one water. However, if you are planning a campaign on a new venue, you should be on there already learning. I have done very well in the past, when I was fishing a lake on the Norfolk/Suffolk boarder, I would arrive after dark, I knew 3 swims very well and was just casting into the V shadow that a tree made and baiting up the same way.

### 3 – Be happy and Confident with what you are doing

If you are none of these, you will struggle on those cold Winter nights. The last lake I did the Winter on, had a track which was about a quarter of a mile long. Which was OK, until it rained most of that Winter and by the end of January, I had truly had enough of the slog up and down that track in the dark. This drain the enthusiasm from you. My golden rule to myself is, I must be comfortable these days, as I have passed the 50 marker. It is a wee bit harder in the Winter, than when I was 16.

### 4 – Bait

Again, be confident in your bait. You can't change halfway through the Winter you need to keep your chosen bait going in regularly. this will give me a huge edge over another angler's



## 5 – Equipment

You need a good bivvy, sleeping bag, a stove (with plenty of gas), water (for Winter night brew ups) as I said before you must be comfortable. This in turn will keep you happy and bring your confidence level up, which equals fish on the bank.

To nick a saying from my friend Mr Rob Nunn 'effort equals reward'. I hope this has helped and you get plenty of fish over the winter.

With winter around the corner and as winter fishing can be hard work for the everyday angler. I am a firm believer that the more you are at the lake, either fishing or just walking round Summer or Winter. This surely has to help you catch more fish. However, this is made harder in the Winter due to the shorter days. The average angler (like myself), who has a full time office job, has no chance to get out around the lake, as I would normally do in the Spring. In the Summer months I only tend to fish a quick night (12hr session), there is not a lot of time to spot any signs of fish and by using the below tips, I have found it a great help over the Winter months.



## Winter Tips

Walk around the lake as much as possible (if you can)

Sharp hooks (all year round rule)

Location, Location, Location (all year round tip)

Not too much bait

Keep a dairy of previous year's results/location

Fish over dead pads

Fish by snags

Fish near reeds beds

Keep away from those cold easterly winds

Get friendly with a fellow member who fishes during the day (pool your information)

Keep your ears on the lake even in the dark, you never know you may hear a fish.

Keep your eyes on the water – on clear calm night, you may just spot a fish

Less boilies, more stick mix type of baiting up

Plenty of attraction, not too much food

Tiny amounts of pre-baiting (Small handfuls of bait, scattered around the lake)

The above tips will hopefully help you to keep one step ahead of the rest. The real hard part I find with Winter fishing is having to set up in the dark & pack up in the dark.

If I am lucky, I may get there just in time to see last light and sometimes I am able to stay till first light. Even if this means I am pushing the barrow around the lake, I will always keep my eyes and ears open (alert to any fishy sign's) as this could be the key to a great Winter.

If you are lucky enough to have a friend who also fishes, but preferably not at the same time as you. You can pool your information/knowledge.

If I am really stuck for options, I sometimes set up a swim which will give me the best view of the lake. If I wake up in the night, I will put the kettle on and have a brew and watch the lake of an hour. Hard work, however, if you spot that fish. It could make a bad Winter into the best Winter you have ever had.

Here's the tricky part of baiting in the winter and one of the biggest dilemmas faced by anglers, from beginner to someone who has been fishing for years. Unless you know the lake or person writing the article, you will not understand this situation



behind it. E.g. venue, stock, weather conditions or water temperature. These all play a part in the choice you have to make. Which sort of bait are they talking about? Boilies, pellets, Groundbait or maggots. Anglers put out kilos of particles in the winter months, they wouldn't dream of doing this in the summer, well some do.

I don't wish to confuse any beginners, but the major rule must be less is more in the winter. You can never take out what you put in the lake. My personal approach is to continue to do much the same amount of spombs but change the contents towards the finer bait. Basically, I reduce the number of whole boilies, start to grind them up more, add micro pellets and particle. Now, this is only when I am fishing, as I still prebait with boilies but less frequent in the winter months. This approach only applies to the type of lake I am fishing.

If you are fishing a heavily stocked water and the carp feed in the winter months, especially if you keep chucking in the bait, you will be surprised that the carp will still feed on the coldest days if they don't have to move far for the food. Just to confuse you more. this can also apply to low stocked waters if you do your homework and know where the carp are, and you can keep an eye on their feeding patterns.

This really only applies to the full-on winter angler, if you only go once a month, stick to the less bait as possible. Try over flavoured hook baits and tiny bags soaked in plenty of attraction.

## **Chopped Boilies**

The important parts to remember is not an exact science but if you fish a lake for a few years you will understand the patterns of the fish and can apply this to smaller lakes.

Time is a big key to the factor, that's time spent fishing over the winter months, which is certainly not an easy task.

## Keeping Warm



I have been fishing winter nights since the mid-80s and I am so glad that the tackle industry started to revolutionize, it was very bleak and cold in those days. My feet still feel the cold a lot and I am sure it down to those days.

I have put together a list of ways to improve your time on the bank in your bivy. I am still working on keeping warm outside the bivy! I am sure that's also down to, to many winter piking days in wellies and inadequate clothing.

1. Always use a ground sheet and even in the summer, damp rises.
  2. Use an old piece of carpet or a thermal blanket under you bedchair
  3. With modern bivy/brolly systems, there is a skirt then you can tuck under the groundsheet.
  4. Use items of luggage as an insulation around this area of the Bivy e.g. rod bag, rod sleeves bags etc, this will help keep the draft out and even more insulation on the ground.
  5. Also with modern brolly/bivy use the door letterbox style and don't open from the bottom up. Tuck the flap under the groundsheet and make sure the zips are full down.
  6. Use a bivy mat or any old door mat.
- This all helps to keep you warm through those hard winter days.

Hope this helps  
Richard.

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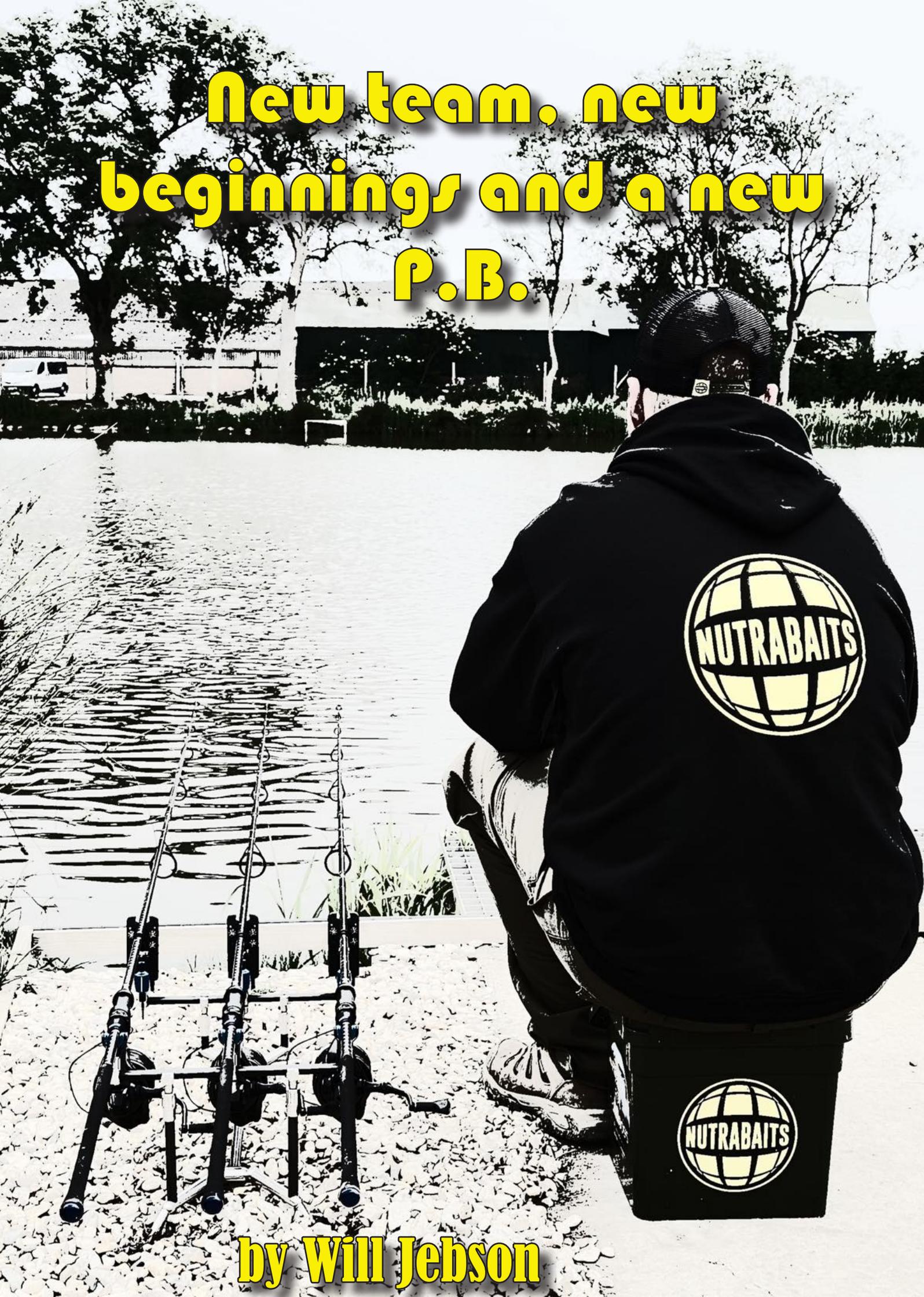
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# New team, new beginnings and a new P.B.



by Will Jebson

As with a lot of anglers these days, planning a trip is almost like a military operation. With working full time and providing out of hours cover as an electrician myself, my wife working shifts for the NHS and now having my daughter full time, time juggling can be a real pain. The work / life / fishing balance is a real thing for the modern day angler and bank time is precious to us all. This year has been bittersweet for me on a personal level, joining the Nutrabaits team at the beginning of April was a proud moment in my angling life and challenges me to be the best angler I can possibly be. The world plunged into complete turmoil with covid-19 soon after joining the team, the lock down meant we were all stuck inside making rigs up while home schooling.

Once the lock down was lifted for our sport, I waited a week or so for the banks to calm down before my first session as a Nutrabaits team member, and what a session it was too!!

Knowing my chosen venue quite well (Fen Lane carp fisheries, Lincolnshire) I was ready to tackle a 3 night stay armed with Nutrabaits Trigga and Cream Cajouser. Trigga

has stood the test of time over and over again!! You here on busy waters of baits “blowing” this is most definitely not the case for Trigga.

This post Covid session started really poorly, firstly my trusty rusty fishing wagon wouldn't start, and whilst rushing around to getting jump leads sorted my E-cig fell out of my pocket and smashed. Already stressed I then finally get to the lake to find my self left with the bogey peg at the bottom of the lake. I spent just shy of 24hrs in this peg before getting up at 4am and watching the banks for signs of anglers packing up so I could move.

On securing a move up the lake I eventually got baits positioned with confidence, finally I was fishing comfortably...

Before I had my third rod out, I was away with a one toner, a nice upper double ghosty for my efforts. Nothing more graced my net that day, with the sun beating down on the lake with little to no wind made for a hard start. The following day saw a change in the wind direction and slight drop in air pressure, with conditions improving fishing wise I was confident in another bite.



Soon after a socially distanced chat with another angler, my middle rod melted off!!! After a good duel with a large fish it soon became apparent it was one of the lakes "A-Team" in the form of "Goldilocks" at 37lb 8oz. She was my new and current PB, to say I was over the moon with her capture would be an understatement. Having struggled right from leaving my front door I felt a little bit of karma was on my side.

Although the 72hr session ended with just the two fish in tough conditions I was more than happy

to be back on the bank. Both fish falling to a German rig with double trigga cork wafers as hookbait of choice. Fishing a small PVA stick threaded onto the hook link to mask the hook point with small scattering of Trigga and Cream Cajouser boilies around each rod. My preparations for a session start when I add it to my planner. I don't mean bait or tackle either, I'm talking about the graft that makes or breaks a successful trip.

I already have a take me anywhere bait in Trigga, I use quality end tackle and I've already made enough rigs for ten years during lockdown.

The work starts by selecting a venue, read up on catch reports if there available and while doing so check the weather conditions that day for the area!! This way you get to see how the fish are acting, for example do they follow the wind? Keep an eye on the weather for the area each day and try and build a picture of how the fish work in your chosen venue.

Do your homework...

The Internet is readily available to most people these days so use it!! Search for info on your chosen venue on forums, their own website if they have one or even social media. For most carp venues there is information to be had out there if you look hard enough. Personally, if I can help the chap next to me catch his personal best carp or even just catch then that to me is nearly as good as a catch myself. We are all here to enjoy the sport we love, so why not help each other achieve our goals? It's all too common these days for carp anglers to try and keep helpful information under their hat!!

And on that note... here is how I did it.

My go to German rig components include;

Fox camotex semi stiff 18lb

Fox tungsten flippas

Fox tungsten anti tangle sleeve

Fox micro ring swivel

Fox Hook beads

IB HOOKS claw in size 4 micro barded My winning stick mix consists of the following baits and additives from the ever reliable Nutrabaits range. I make this mix with a ratio of 2:1 in favour of Trigga.

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Trigga liquid booster

The newly released Cream

Cajouser stick mix

The newly released Cream

Cajouser activator liquid

Crumbed Cream Cajouser boilies.

Hopefully this helps at least one other angler catch a personal best, and given some of you food for thought.

All the best,

**Will.**







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# Simon Pearson

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## **Daniel Cordon**

### *Cuttle Mill Fishery*

A very wet day at Cuttle Mill which made this mirror and common even more welcome



## Jake Radford

After long thought of what I wanted my goal to be for this year it came to me... my hardest challenge yet I wanted to catch a 20LB+ from the Middle Trent.

After joining a new club water it began I got my membership and started just going down most evenings just watching the water putting in a little bait in and talking to other members, after meeting some amazing people down at the Trent and learning so much I had found out that they had only been 1 carp out of the stretch for the year and only a few out the previous year so I knew it wasn't going to be easy.

After about a week of watching the water and seeing 2 carp I decided on a peg I was going to work on, firstly I needed to find where to fish my margins is what I was going to target. So in my waders I got and spent a good half a day in the water clearing underneath an overhanging tree and putting 2kilo of 14mm pellet and 1kg of liver dumbbells from Vortex baits under the tree every other night for a week.

After doing a couple of nights here and there between work I managed a couple of barbel too 13lb few chub too 6lb 8oz.

I got back in my waders after 2 weeks of pre baiting just to check my spot to make sure it was clear as I was going to try and get in 4-5 nights this week between work. I couldn't believe it when I got to my spot it was pure clean gravel which the fish had cleared this boosted my confidence dramatically.

So it started I fished the Sunday night with not a bleep, I woke up at 5:30 and started packing away my bivvy leaving the rods out and it rattled off at 6:10am flying downstream when it got in the current taking me 2 pegs downstream but I managed to get the better of it after a 10min battle I had it a 17lb 10oz common, I couldn't begin to explain to you the feeling although it wasn't the one I was after and wasn't 20lb I felt like this was my biggest achievement yet.

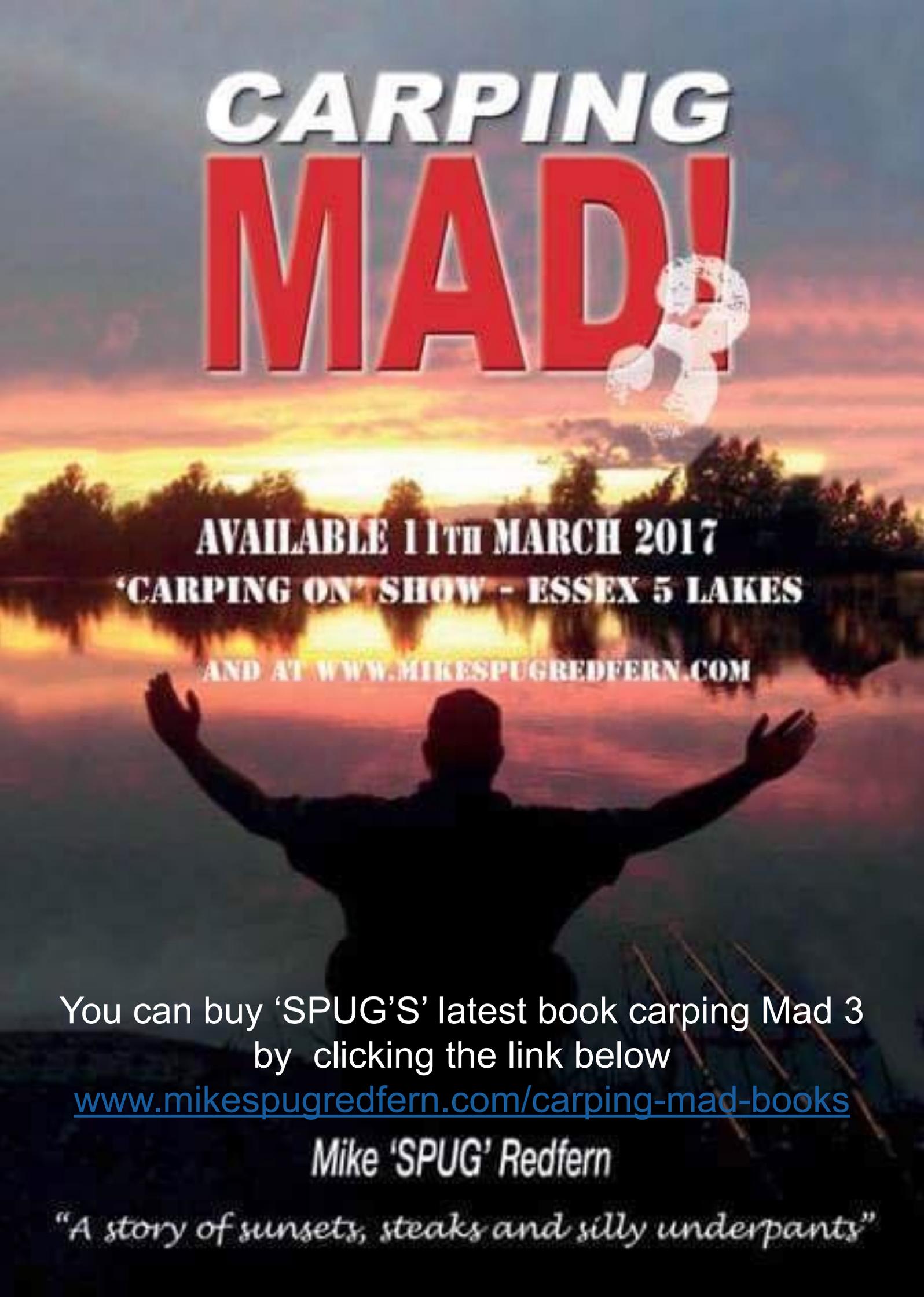
I did another night on the Monday with just 3 chub all 3-4lb.



It was Thursday when I managed to get back down to do another night and it felt perfect with the air pressure dropping to 1012 after being around 1018-1020 for weeks it felt perfect. At 01:25 it happened I had an absolute screamer which took me 20 min to get in I couldn't believe it!! I knew it I smashed my goal with a 24lb on the nose common which was an absolute stunner...

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***Pads lake Hillside Fishery***

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**Bethany Roberts**  
***D&G lakes***

I'm just sending a picture of the fish I caught last Friday which I had been waiting 18 hours for, and it was well worth the wait. My first never 30lb 2oz carp and it was my PB too!! it was like I won the lottery! I caught it From D&G lakes Pinvin

# Mark Mcdonald



Nice oak looking common caught on Aforce Waffer over the top of maize particle early morning fish with the bait boat dropping a top up of chopped Boilies.



# William Stott

*Hillside fishery*

35lb 1oz common

# Tobias Ursell

## Tri-Nant Fishery

A new water and his first time casting out 12 fts all day, he even played it in WOW!! Memories and pure enjoyment.... Tobias has caught his new PB, a lovely 8lb common caught using Slyfish DPM nylon hooklink and probaits TT boilies tipped with corn... we are buzzing!



# Nick Toland





**Didn't take long to get into the chunks 1st fish weighing a magnificent 61lb 3oz which was a new PB for me. Then it just became a trip of a life time with 16 fish in total.**

61.3 common 50.06 common 48 mirror  
 40.6 mirror 39.8 mirror 39.8 mirror  
 39.4 mirror 38 common 37.4 mirror 37 mirror  
 35 common 34.12 mirror 31 mirror  
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Tony Williams with Starburst an a new p.b. at 31lb 14 from Upper Alt lake



**Andy Lill  
with a  
20lb+  
caught on  
Trigga**



**Brett  
Longthorne**

**Christopher  
Leitinger**



**Matt Farr  
with a 31lb  
on Trigga**

# Wyreside



## Wyreside L

Latest catch report.

The weather conditions have been a bit up and down, but clear and the bang end of the week being wet and the temperature hovering around that magical 1000MBP. The fish are taking some proper chucks on the bank.

This week we will start with Foxes again as there has been a new lake record! Starting things off is Mark Trevell of 'Top Lynn' at a fantastic weight of 31lb 8oz from a channel on a snowman rig. This consisted of a 10mm pop up with a mesh stick of crushed krill. Next up a mirror from peg four caught on a small bag- fishing was tempted two bites resulting in two fish from peg 4. 22lbs both fish came from the bar on pink signat my no means least, Martin enjoyed the weekend with his first 14lb and the second 13lb both fish fell to soft

Next to S2, starting off with Ian Smethurst who brought an impressive weight of 33lb 2oz but he didn't stop there including two lovely mirror of 16lb and 20lb, finished caught from peg 9 to the far margins and all fish on a Ronnie Rig over a bed of maize. Next up Robert after moving twice with a lovely 15lb common. Finally an absolutely stunning 17lb mirror from peg one. Bait started to come finding the fish is paramount as on two rods a mix of hemp corn and crumb works well. Small bag or zig cast to any signs of fish to try and

Finishing the day tickets off with S1 where things were landed. First up is Jonathon Mannford who managed fishing to the right hand margin, using bait works well and ring proved to much for it to refuse. Next up Be

# Fisheries



## Lakes report

down with the start of the week being cold and windy the atmospheric pressure has been tough - however there has been

has not been one 30lber out but two and a for who landed the new lake record in the shape m peg 5 - fishing 8 wraps out into the deep 6mm krill bottom bait with a 12mm signature to Tom Carr who managed to bag a 30lb 10oz going on to the bar at 12 wraps. Michael Kenyon 4 the first a 15lb and the second a new PB of pure wafter over a small bed of particle. Last but d in peg 8 manging to bag himself two fish the id bags with wafers inside.



roke the lake record with Molly's fish at a very ere as he went on to bag himself 3 more fish hing off with a 18lb common! All fish were fell to HF angling Yellow Mulbz pop up on a Smethurst who was rewarded with 2 bites inishing off with Dominic Morris who landed an ailiff tip of the week- as the colder weather has they seem to be grouping up ready for the over ell for me with bright pop ups zand on the 3rd a nd nick the extra bite



have been tuff going with only 10 fish being aged to bag a lovely 21lb mirror from peg 7 s Royal Marine with a sent from hell wafter on a en Dowle, who made the most of a short

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# Wyreside



sunny spell by moving up to peg 3 in the shallow just 30 minutes later with a banging 20lb mirror just a week has to be to fish for a bite at a time with snags are zigs.

Thursday saw the first day of the pike season and a pike caught from around the fishery and also 5 days of his season off well with 7 pike including 3 x 10lb. The winning tactic was mackerel and sardine fishing on this trip managing 15 bites with the best fish going 14lb coming on dead baits. Nick 'Sumo' Reading caught one and are very own grandpa Bobby dusted his spirit to 9lb

Now to finish the week of with the members lake a handful of fish being landed. First up Bantons managed to get off to a flying start, landing 2 fish including Droppy jnr. Both fish caught on solid bags fished managed a 18lb mirror from peg 15 and last but not from the point.

Now to Wyre wear the nobby man aka Troy man also one of the new stockies came out at over 30 details and pics and will post when we receive them. Can we please remind you all to be patient with the longer due to the safety protocols in place with the

Hope to see you all on the bank soon,  
Stay vigilant, safe, and well.

Tight Lines for now Callum and the Team.

# Fisheries



...s and got the doggy's out and he was rewarded  
...ust show effort equals reward. My tip of the  
...small traps such as single hi vis pop up solid bag

...nd over the weekend there has been 31 jack  
...oubles up to 15lb. Poster boy Pete started  
...plus fish the best two being 14lb and 15lb the  
...in the margins. Also, Mark Francis had a mega  
...5lb and was backed up with a 14ber all fishing  
...ght his first to pike the best one just over 10lb  
...hning rod off and was rewarded with 7 pike up

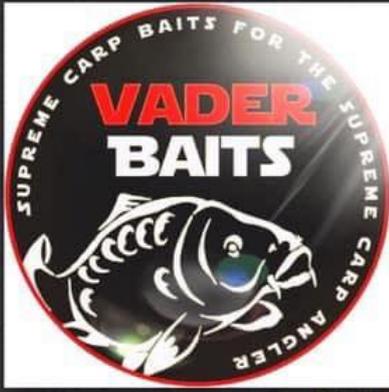
...s and things have been hard going with only  
...where new winter member James Gardner  
...from Woodys one a 25 lber and the other  
...d tight to the island. Nest up camp a lot Eddie  
...ot lest Andy Oldfield had a stunning 25 lber

...nged to bag the S2 common at 30lb from B2B  
...0lb from Plateau -we are still waiting for more  
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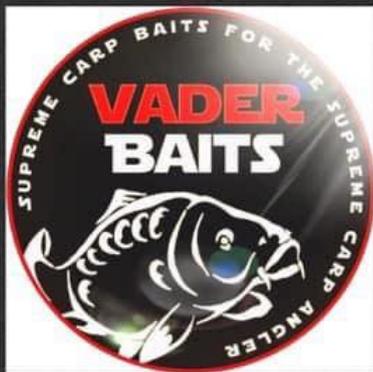
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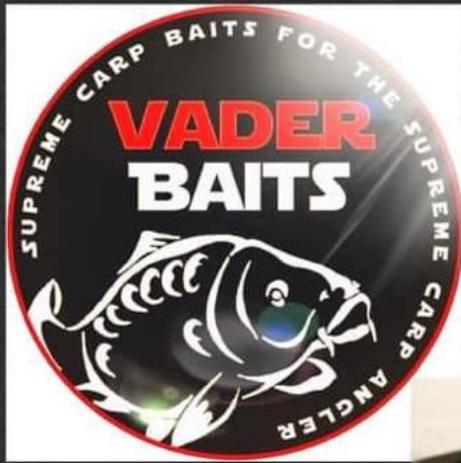
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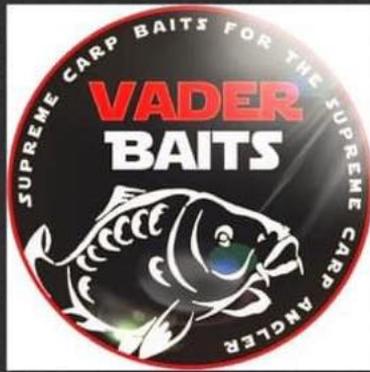
**Team member Dan and his partner went to Todber Manor Fishery for a 48 hour session. When they arrived the lake was very busy so they jumped into the first 2 pegs that were next to each other. They got set up and got 4 rods out. They had 13 fish in total with Amelia beating her PB several times with two being over 20lb and her new PB of 20lb 6oz! The rest of the fish caught ranged between 13lb and 19lb. All fish were caught using 18mm SaTaN boilies with a mixture of Blackfudge, Le Nutz and SaTaN boilies over the top! Great angling guys and congratulations Amelia on smashing your PB**



Team member Nathan headed off on his family holiday for 8 nights at Cofton holiday park in Dawlish which had 5 lakes on site. Sunday afternoon had come and with rods at the ready Nathan headed to one of the runs waters for a few hours landing 4 carp including a nice ghost common. All caught on either a Grafter washed out pink wafter or a Grafter 14mm boilie teamed up with mixed sized Grafter pellet soaked with Grafter glug in a solid pva bag. Later Nathan headed to the specimen lake for the evening for an hour with 1 rod set tight an overhanging willow touching the water and the other to the right hand margin it only took 15 minutes before his rod rattled of the fish gave him one hell of a fight running him around the lake and trying to snap him in the aerator but once the fish was in the net he could tell it was one of the few 20s from the lake of 60 carp this one weighed in at 24lb a cracking mirror and cracking day on the lakes. After talking to the on site tackle shop it turned out to be the lakes record fish called Dolly previously weighing in at 29lb 10oz but down in weight still a cracking fish and over the moon to be the second person ever to catch her. After this fish the decision was made to just fish the specimen lakes for the rest of the holiday and went on to do 3 more short sessions on the lakes throughout the week landing 5 more carp with the fish ranging from 13lb to 16lb all the fish was tempted by either a Grafter washed out pink wafter or a Grafter 14mm boilie teamed up with crumbed Grafter boilies and mixed sized Grafter pellet soaked in Grafter glug teamed with a solid pva bag. A great holiday park with amazing fishing. Great angling Nathan



**Team member Phil headed to his syndicate water and managed to land a nice scraper 20lb common just 10 minutes before his session ended. The fish was tempted by a washed out pink Le Nutz pop up over a bed of Le Nutz glugged boilies!  
Great angling Phil**



**Team member Tim headed out to Sopley Lake for a day session with his brother and fellow team member Rich. On arrival finding the peg that he had in mind and with fish showing he laid out a bed of bait to get the fish on the feed while he set up. Both rods set and out on the spots it was only a matter of time before the rods started reeling off. Including a few double takes to add to the chaos. The bait slowly trickled in and the spots being hit each time. He managed 5 beautiful carp up to 14.14lb. All the fish were tempted with a mix of a single SaTaN boilie presentation and a SaTaN boilie topped with a white Blackfudge pop up to balance over a bed of SaTaN boilie freebies.  
Great angling Tim**

# 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.

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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

Find us on Facebook for further information.

*Matt, Tracie and Thai.*



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Well, we are now 8 months into 2019 and what a fantastic few months it has been. The biggest out of Lake Chira this year so far is a 47lb along with many other 40s, 43 and 45 many upper 30s and 30s, the fish have definitely got bigger and still as beautiful as ever and the great fight of the Canary Carp as always is truly amazing!!

Many holidays with the guys either staying on the bank 24hrs a day or having one of our accommodations, either apartments or a beautiful Canary House with pool that can sleep up to 6 persons, great for fishing the days, cooling off in the pool with a few cold ones and bbq!!! something for everyone, either with the lads or bring the family.

You can also book any duration short break on the bank or with accommodation.

If you are coming to Gran Canaria on a holiday, we offer day excursions either carp or bass fishing and we have a separate day trip area where we offer an all inclusive day including your pick up and drop off from your hotel or meeting point, a guided mountain drive, 2 rod Nash set up with all relevant tackle and equipment, bait, end tackle, license, light lunch and refreshments and you are fully guided, 8 hours of fishing in the beautiful mountains, peace and tranquil and some of those stunning Chira carp!!

We do have the odd weeks left for 2019 and we are already booking for 2020. We do have our offer on for a minimum of 4 anglers we offer a free apartment for the duration of your holiday.

So if you want to turn your dreams into reality and see what everyone is talking about and catch some of the famous Lake Chira carp, look no further and contact Ali or Dave at [Carpgrancanaria.com](http://Carpgrancanaria.com), [info@costadelcarping.com](mailto:info@costadelcarping.com) or 0034637939680 Facebook, Instagram, message or Whatsapp.

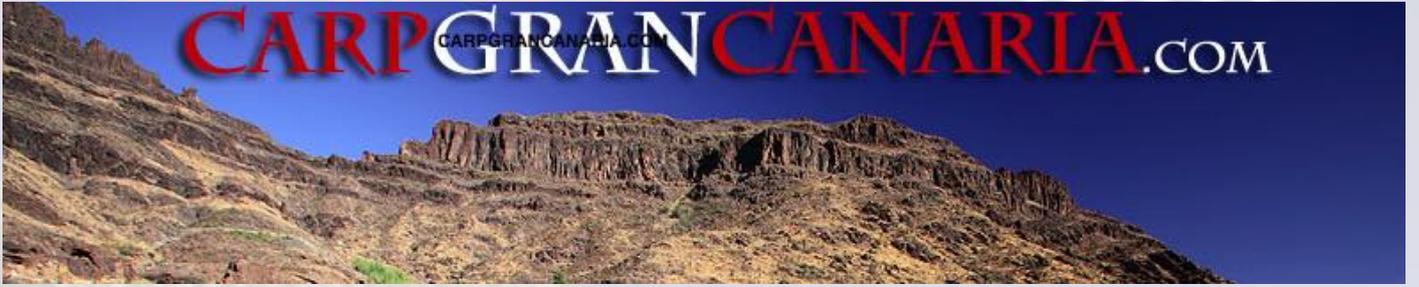
We also offer tailor made holidays for you, maybe a weeks fishing and a week on the beach!!!

Non fishing partners are catered for and groups are welcome.  
Tight lines

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