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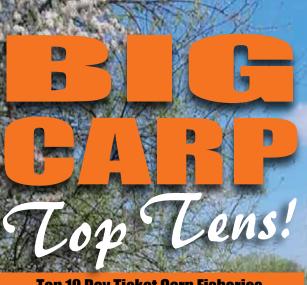


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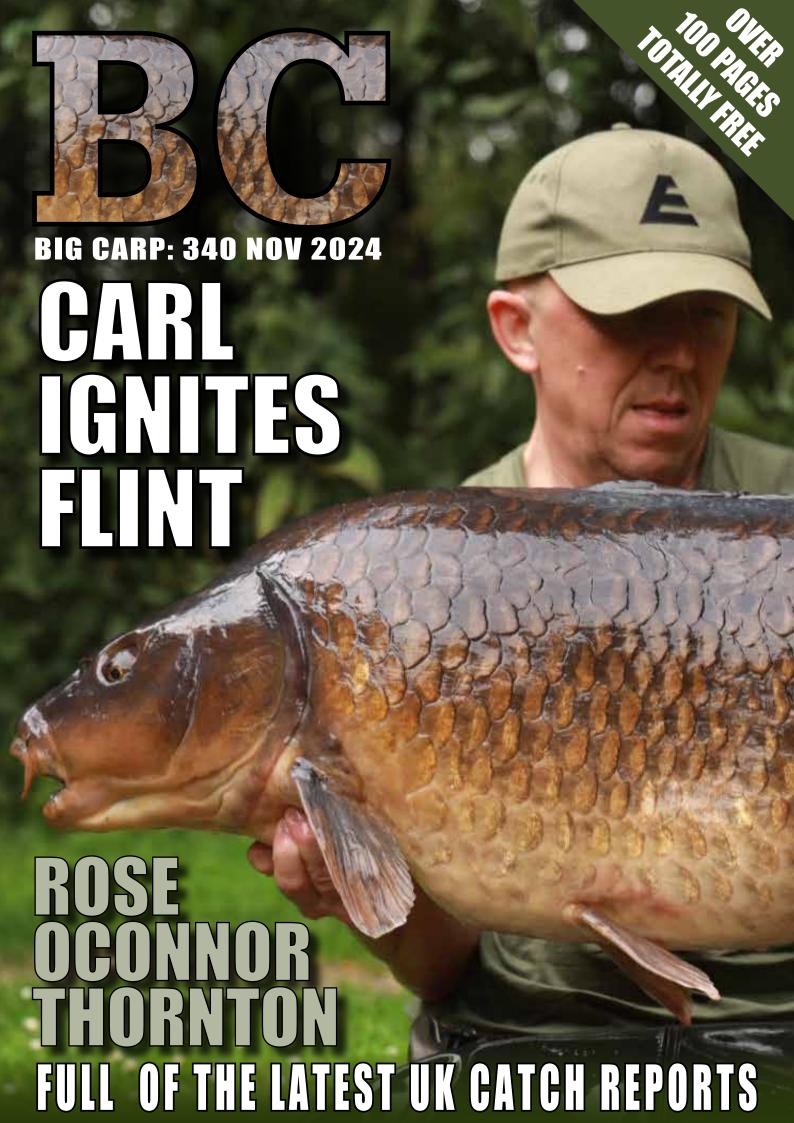
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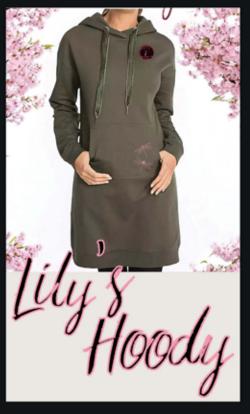
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8	LINCH HILL
9	ROACH PIT
10	JOHNSONS RAILWAY

As voted by Big Carp readers!



## ua Lilium Clothing

## Calling all ladies







As the year is very quickly drawing to a close, it has come quite apparent from this year's sales we have a number of female anglers purchasing clothing from our website.

Although this is really good for Aqua Lilium, we have decided now is the right time to bring vou ladies your very own range of affordable, comfortable and stylish garments that will be available on our ever-growing

It has been yet again another great year and we have been lucky enough to have some great female members on our books.

Around two months ago myself and consultant Steven Quinn sat down and had a meeting on what was next for the brand. To be honest it was quite a quick decision to develop a woman's range as after some research it became quite obvious when it comes to fishing clothing the ladies of the sport are very limited to what's available.

There was a problem though, what do we know about woman's clothing? We both sat there for a while scratching our heads and made a list of requirements.

- 1. Must be comfortable.
- 2. Must be shaped in all the right areas. 3. Must be warm.
- 4. Must be able to cater for all

There was still a problem; what kind of designs shall we start

All of a sudden, we had a lightbulb moment, let's ask our female angers what they would like to see us bring to the angling world.

That evening, I made a plea to our female anglers on all social media platforms and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody who took the time to message us back with their ideas. So having said all that, we are very proud to bring you the first of the Aqua Lilium woman's clothing range. Developed by the female angler for the female angler. We start with Lily's hoody, a beautiful olive-green hoody dress using as normal only the best materials. The dress boasts yet another unique design on the back by Mark Quinn which shows a stunning dragonfly hovering over a lily pad flower. On the front is just as eye catching, with two further dragonfly's gliding upwards from the pocket entrance. Also featured on the hoody dress is a shoe lace style pull chord with an Aqua Lilium font embedded into the stitching. This unique hoody dress will be available for pre-order. Moving on, we bring you our unbelievably warm leggings. The leggings come in a splash proof material and are fully wool lined internally. At the moment we will be releasing these in black however we do plan to bring various other colours to the market. Next, we have the dungarees. A

lot of thought has gone into these

especially the fitment which was very difficult to get right due to the

hip and bust area. It was decided

that could be undone to show an

extension of fabric which allows

you to pull in or let out the sides.

the best way to combat this would be to add a buttoned area situated at the waist on both sides



There are also extra buttons on the bust strap also for similar reasons as explained previously.

On the front of the dungaree, we

decided to add a moon phase design that is also featured on our very own ALC T- Shirt.

This brings us nicely on to the very first Woman's T-shirt and after the success of the ALC Launch it was decided to bring this design out in a woman's cut. That some of our female anglers are testing and modelling at the moment.

We are very excited to bring the

modelling at the moment.

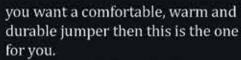
We are very excited to bring the angling community this range and look forward to bringing you all many more designs. But! Sorry ladies unfortunately there must be a but, and this is where you come in. For us to make this a success it needs your support and backing, if we get the backing, we will continue to bring you great designs and I promise we will always deliver on the quality you deserve. If you are interested everything is available for pre-order so, please contact www.aqualiliumclothing@



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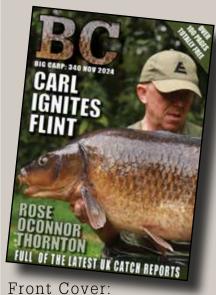
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Carl Udry with one of

Farnham's finest



BRRRRRRRRRRR!!! Those temperatures are definitely dropping now and Winter is just round the corner. We were snowed under with catch reports this issue - you must have been maing the most of the pre-winter feed up.

Big Carp regular Carl Udry finally slid the net under one of Farnham Flint's finest carp. Barry Oconnor has taken the misses on holiday to Millhayes Lodges and banks some fine carp. Michael Madeley talks us through his plastic obsession. He has some neat tricks up his sleeve to bank an extra carp or two. Jeff Nash banks a dream river carp over 30kg. Mark Rose is back in action at his syndicate lake. Oscar Thornton has a right result at Milton and finally we revisit John Hickey's capture of the Burghfield Common. Be lucky, Rob

#### 8. SHOCKLEADER

News from around the fishing industry. Keep up to date with all the goings on in and around the angling community.

18.TAC-TEC

Our look at some of the best fishing products around. Are you looking to tart up your set up or a new bait to try out?

24. CATCH REPORTS

Check out some of the biggest carp to be caught in the UK, the last few weeks. The amount of UK 60s is growing and growing.

56. CARL UDRY

Carl has been fishing hard and akingthe nost of the autumn season. He finally gets to appreciate the reward for his efforts this year.

**64. BARRY OCONNOR** 

Barry takes a trip to Millhayes Lodges and proves that you can combine a holiday with the misses and get the rods out and bag some quality carp.











76. MICHAELMADELEY

Michael talks us through his approach which centres around plastic baits. You'll find a few little nuggets here to help you maximise your plastic bait fishing.

84. JEFF NASH

Landing a big river carp is high on every angler's wish list. Jeff sets his sights on a European River and his dreams certainly come true

88. MARK ROSE

Mark continues to plug away at his syndicate and keeps his tally of carp ticking along but his target carpis still evading him

98. OSCARTHORNTON

Oscar is having it right off on one of the South West's best waters - Milton Abbas. Find out how he is taking the place apart

104. JOHN HICKEY

We revisit one of the Burghfield Common's earlier captures when John Hickey had a session of a life time for such a hard water. A session of dreams.

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Team member Scott Johnson at it again nailing this stunner. "Back on the commons this week. A 21lb last light bite, on a solid bag cast on showing fish. Size 4 Scorpion Wide Gape with tungsten kickers" Well done Scott.





Team member Ben Flockton managed to bank two absolute bangers over the weekend. Ben used our size 6 Curved hooks in a spinner style rig incorporating our baitscrew and ezee swivel to balance 12mm pop up. Well done.





Team member Alan Morton fished at Towcester Race Course lake and nailed this 30lb 12oz PB common and a 28lb mirror. Alan used our size 4 Crank hooks in a blowback style rig, made from CTO Pro hook link and 2mm shrink tubing. Congratulations Alan.



Team member Will Cottrell caught this banging mirror over the weekend using our Scorpion Chod hooks tied in an IQ2 rig. Well done Will.







Team member Lee Weldon is another getting amongst a few fish. Along with these three 20s, he also had a few cats but unhooked them and let them go. Lee used our size 4 Scorpion Curved hook tied in a slip D rig to catch these beauties. Well done Lee.

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these to devastating effect.

Scorpion Ronnie Rigs

# Angling Improvement Fund To Control Invasive Species And Increase Biosecurity



The Angling Improvement Fund (AIF) has re-opened with £100,000 available to support angling organisations with projects that tackle the spread of invasive non-native species and increase biosecurity at angling venues.

The AIF is administered by the Angling Trust and is funded by the Environment Agency from income received through the sales of fishing rod licences. The AIF is just one of several ways the EA channels this income to support the delivery of tangible benefits to anglers across England.

Applications for up to £5,000 funding are

invited from clubs, fisheries and other angling-related organisations. Joint applications from clubs and fisheries that wish to undertake a project covering larger areas will also be welcomed. The maximum award for these catchment projects is £10,000.

All applicants must have consulted with an Angling Trust Fisheries Support Officer before applying and should do so as soon as possible to gain the best possible chance of receiving advice before the closure of the application process at 5pm on Thursday, 14 November 2024.

Applicants should attempt to match any award with a similar amount of funding from their own sources. This may include cash, volunteer time, donations, or a combination of all three. Successful applicants will be encouraged to complete anv funded projects by 31 March 2025 although consideration of a final deadline on 30 September 2025 may be considered for broader projects.

## Take a Friend Fishing

Take a Friend Fishing Campaign Dates: Our 24/25 Festive Take a Friend Fishing runs from Saturday 21 st of December 2024 to Sunday 5 th January 2025 (inclusive)

Spring 25 Take a Friend Fishing runs from Saturday 29 th of March 2025 to Sunday

13 th April 2025 (inclusive)

Take a Friend Fishing Key Messages:
Take a Friend Fishing offers more opportunity than ever to get out fishing with a friend during our extended festive period and Spring campaigns.

Take a Friend Fishing continues to grow with our 2024/5 campaign offering more weekends and more opportunity for you to go fishing and create those long-lasting friendships and memories.

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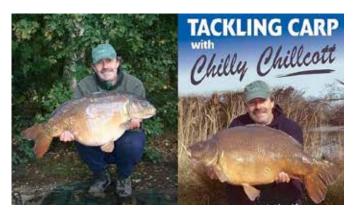
# 20 Years Of Fox & Chilly

International! An ioined Fox incredible iournev for both parties, and it's impossible to mention and include everything that has happened in that time in one post!

But we have done our best to show 20 years in just a few slides Chilly said; "The 20 years with Fox

Twenty years ago, Ian Chillcott International have been the best fishing years of my life. Although some may disagree, mine and their loyalty to each other, has made those years so incredible. They ignited all my Fires!!"

> We couldn't agree more, thank you for everything Chilly and we look forward to many more years to come.









## Help/Support Required **And Warning Order**



be going live with my annual Homeless Support Campaign for our Armed Forces Veterans. This year, I'm doing it slightly earlier and for a very good reason.

I feel the lead up to rememberance will ensure it's more pivotal. but also this year I'm collecting sleeping bags, hoodies and coats too in order to distribute around the South West of the UK and

few weeks' time, I will to fish with myself on The Wharf, along with a few other surprises imminently.

However, if vou're tackle а company, holiday company, or anything for that matter. And you would kindly like to donate in order to support our homeless veterans via an auction please don't hesitate to contact Tutorials. Holiday, me. Package, Clothing Bundles... the South West Wales This is where list is endless I have thousands I need you. I will be going live of wonderful people within the with another fantastic auction Fishing Tackle Industry on my platforms alone who could make a real difference, so please don't just read and scroll. Act and step up where it's needed, please.

If you're also a company that has old sleeping bags or as an individual, you have some old hoodies, a coat, or a sleeping bag that you'd like to donate via dropping off or posting. Again, please don't hesitate to get in touch. It will certainly keep someone warm this winter.

There is a huge armed forces homelessness crisis right now. Let me assure you. The dark and wet nights are here to stay for many months, so please help me so I can help others in desperate need. Together, let's make special and significant difference as we see out 2024 but at this very poignant time of year, too. Thank for vou vour time. consideration. and help advance. Auctions will go live within a few weeks and end on Remembrance Day.

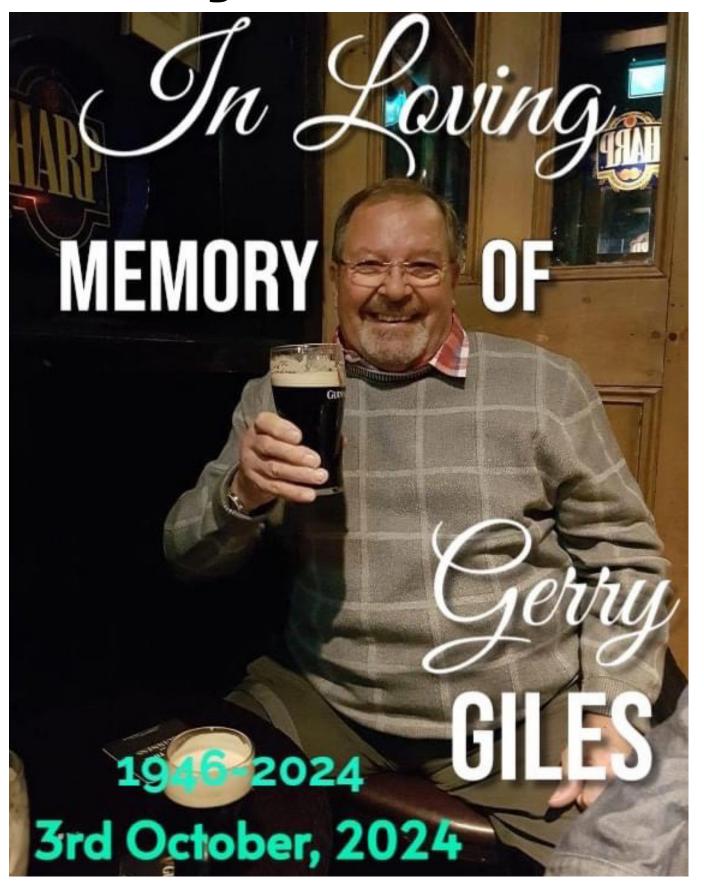
Thank you, Mike Bridges

### Britain's Strongest Carp Angler Dies Age 75



Geoff Capes, the 1980s strong man, Olympian, 3 x gold medal winner in the commonwealth games and keen carp angler has sadly died age 75. The six foot five inch. 27 stone Goliath loved a bit of carping and was a good friend of Derek the Don Richie. Derek said "I had the privilege to take Geoff out fishing on numerous occasions having him running around the bank shouting get it onnnnn with Don thank you for the memories RIP BIG MAN XX" those of us who grew up through the eighties fondly remember Geoff in the world's strongest man competition usually shown on tv at Christmas.

## Gerry Giles RIP



Ιt İS with announce the passing of my at everything he did, he was father Gerry Giles on Thursday a G1 ham Radio Operator, An 3rd of October 2024.

He spent over 5 years fighting keen Metal detectorist. like a warrior to keep going, excelled at everything always facing every day and attempted in life. challange with strength and He was loved by so determination and his sense people and will be very much of humour never left him.

Even now he will be up there mate for giving me the CB looking down laughing his Radio handle Skidmark was a bollocks off at me, after he told was about 6 years old and he me to post an announcement let me talk on his CB whilst on FaceBook to let all his we are at The Great Dorset friends know when he had Steam Fair along with his choice of words, not mine lol where we met the legendary the password or his phone Memories that i cherish and pin number so i have spent will never ever forget. last 36 hours looking for a Thank you, dad, for being way get in, and i have finally more than a father, you were done that via an old email a bloody good mate to, always address on an old device that giving advice on how to deal was still linked and i guessed with situations in life. the password to, Cheers dad I thank you all for being such you couldn't of made it more great friends to my father. difficult if you tried lol

deep regret I kinda guy, that had to excell expert carp fisherman and a Не hе

missed, I have forgiven you kicked the bucket " ( his friends Dennis and Audrey and sadly he never gave me Fred Dibnah for the first time.

My father was an old school R.I.P Dad

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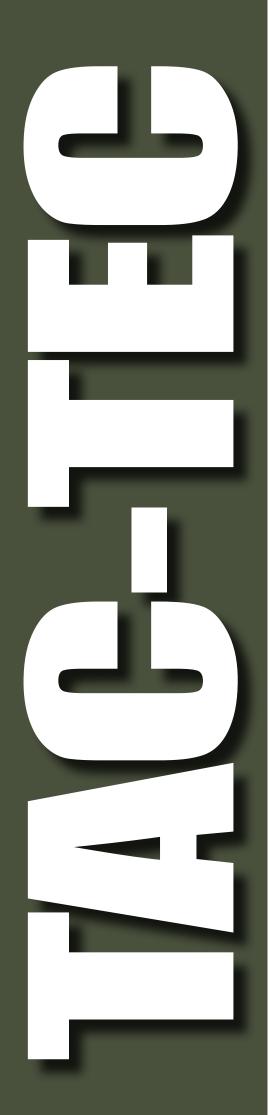












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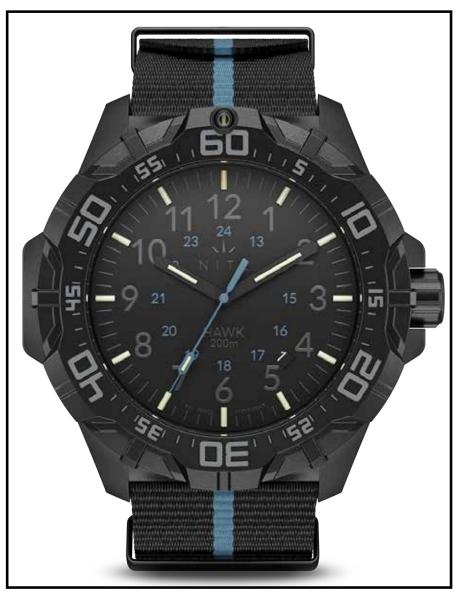
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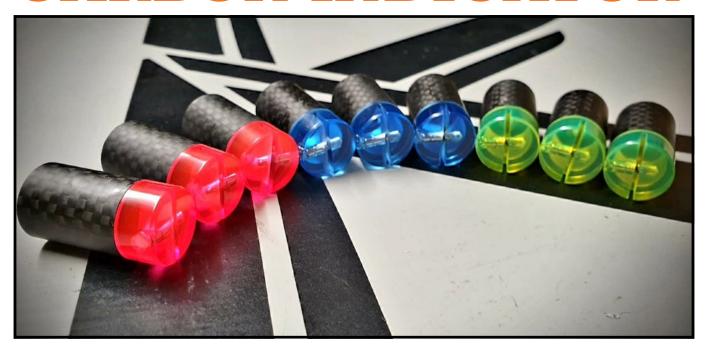








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#### **CATCH REPORTS**



Simon Steele recently fished his syndicate at Linch Hill. After baiting where he had seen numerous fish, it paid off when he slipped his net under this mega common at over 41lbs! He used whole and crumbed Pro-Stim Liver boilies and matching 6mm pellets, a match the hatch wafter over the top to get the bite! Good skills man

Jez Hancock with the Mighty Sovereign at 48lb from Long Lake



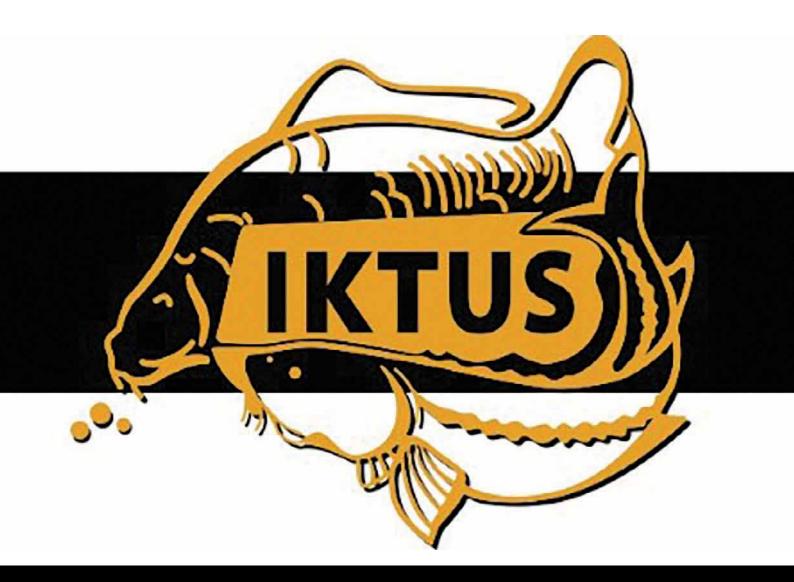


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# FISHING RESORT



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Phil Kingsbury had a week at Cherry Lakes in the Cotswolds caught 6 topped by this 42:02 common and two lovely Fully scaled at 37lb and one of 35lb that doesn't get caught much.

Jack Turton loves his day ticket fishing, deciding this time to take the three hour plus journey to the linear complex in Oxfordshire.

His choice was to have a crack at Hardwick & Smith, the decision certainly paid off as Jack went on to land this absolute colossal mirror at 48lbs along with a couple of its smaller mates.





Sam Sheryn landed this 45lb 2oz mirror was the biggest of the 3 from the session fishing at Junction 12 on a lake exclusive



Jared Cooper with a brute called Bullion. Tipping the scales at 49lb 9oz and a new UK PB

They don't come much better looking than 'Drop Belly', she certainly has it all. Nick Jones tempted her for a second time, and as a carp angler we don't so much like recaptures, but this one is different, especially when up 4lbs in weight.





Mike Jones was absolutely buzzing with this one another he really wanted from the lake





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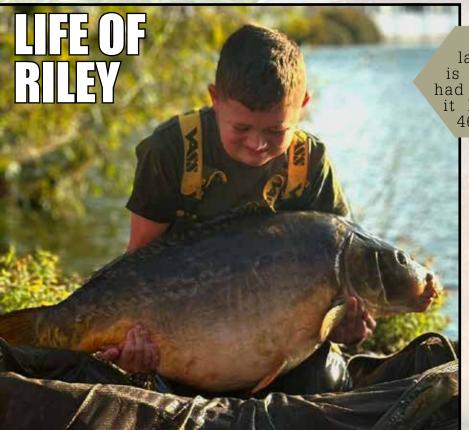
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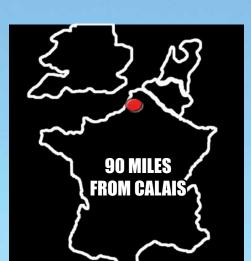




Riley with the corpse lake biggy at 45lb .this is the 2nd time Riley has had this old warrior he had it back in April at a pb 46lb.8oz

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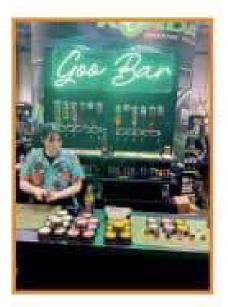
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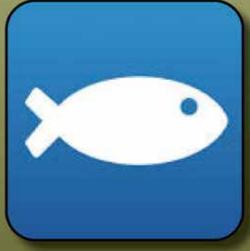




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Ollie the otter dodger!. My second uk 50 in just over a month, back to back! When I arrived at the lake the conditions were awful, after lapping the lake 3 or 4 times in torrential downpour and becoming absolutely soaking wet through I stumbled across a group of fish... as I stood watching, one fish of the group was catching my eye and let me tell you it was what I could only describe as a colossal mirror!! That buzz we all know and love is now starting to set in and off I go to set up my traps. After getting my rods in the water on those perfect little spots among the weeds I then put a heathy amount of AminoMarine by @purebaitconcepts on the spots and it didn't take long before I had carp showing all over my area. Fast forward to 3.30am and my left rod onetoned like never before, I shot up and ran to my rod for a 20 minute battle. As @sammynash1 netted this absolute unit for me we both then realised it was Ollie!! The adrenaline running thought my body was insane when we got it on the scales and it was weighing just over the magical 50lb mark!!





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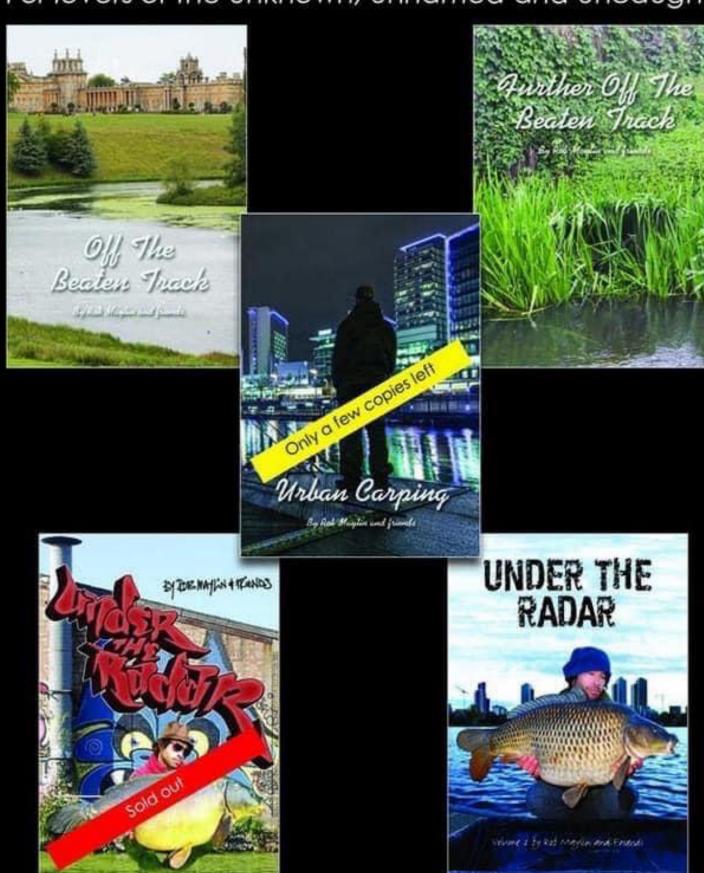




Mission complete for Matt! Having not fished the lake since spring Matt was welcomed back with the incredible 'Pristine Common' at 56lb 12oz

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We all live within a stones throw of a special lake or two, stocked with special carp. I am no different.

With me living in the heart of the West Berkshire Thames Valley, just outside Newbury in a market of town called Thatcham. I am a stones throw from Wasing Estates, Wellington County Park and Reading and District Angling Association (RDAA) waters. All club waters have fished along my angling journey. All stocked with some amazing historical carp.

With me now being a 51 year old mid lifer, I have been aware of countless special carp across those venues. One specific common carp that I have been aware of is RDAA's 'Flint Common'. I first fished RDAA Farnham Flint in the early 2000's when I was in my mid 20's. Not as experienced then, I found the lake daunting at 25 acres and choked with the canadian pond weed. Back then, the Flint Common was an upper twenty and the king of the pond.

I didn't angle allot on Flint





back then, and drifted away from the RDAA complex and only returned four seasons ago. I didn't fish it the first year I bought a ticket, the second year I focused on Pingewood and managed a good spray of carp including the largest in the lake. Floppy Tail at 48lb. Then it was on to Flint, and I am now in the early months of my second season.

The Flint Common is not the

most elusive carp in the world, but what a special looking carp which must now be something like 45 years old. It's amazing how carp so old, can remain so immaculate. With its golden oak and mahogany flanks, and petalled and twisted scale patterns. It really is a mega looking one that's for sure.

My first season on Flint did result in a ridiculous amount of tench, all at the predictable first and last light. Clearly this unwanted pattern disrupted my carp catch rate, but season two has been flipped on its head. No tench, and allot more carp. Including multiple hits of carp and this was no different in the session when the sought after Flint Common dropped in to my net.

Bait and rig refinement, partnered with all my built up knowledge of the lake has literally flipped my carp catch rate on its head. The conversion rate and hook holds have been incredible. All dead centre and bottom lip, 10mm back, and most needing forceps to prize out the bend of the hook.

A spray of the Evolve Tackle components making up my 4" multi rig, with a Large Straight Line Aligner, long Anti Tangle Sleeve, Weight Clip and "-" Tail Rubber and 3oz Distance Swivel Weight.

I have plodded around with my carp gear for 32 years. I have caught and seen lots of friends catch carp. Only a handful of carp in that time that have literally left me speechless.

I called it the night before that a big gun was on the cards. Saturday 31st August was heavily overcast all day, nighttime temperature was 18 degrees with a mild south easterly breeze. Despite minimal moon, it was really bright and easy to pick out horizon features. The birds were really active and it just felt very different.

An hour or so after first light on the Sunday, the alarm fired no different to any other pick up, but what went over the net cord was one of those carp that left me speechless.

I believe the third largest in the lake, and what was the lakes original big one from years past. The Flint Common at 47lb 10oz. Truly is a very special and historic carp.

Thank you Tayo and Ryan for the extra hands and photos! Be lucky,

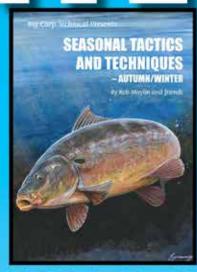
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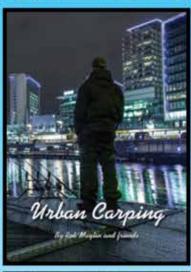


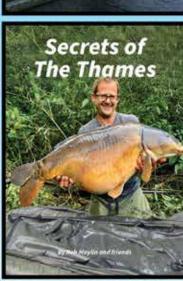


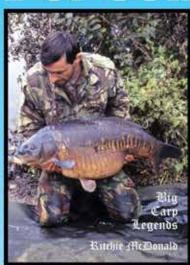


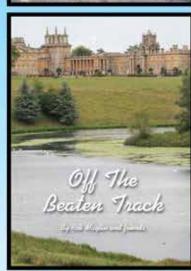


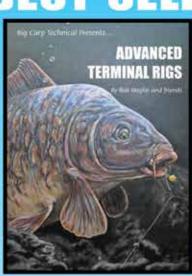
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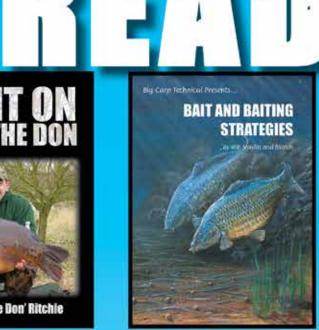


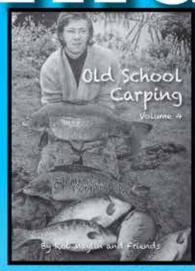






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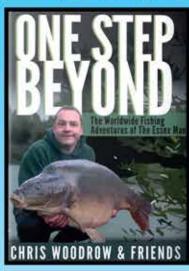


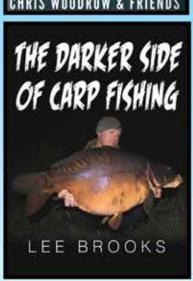


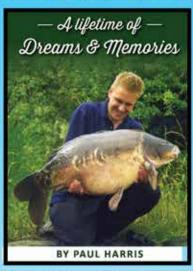


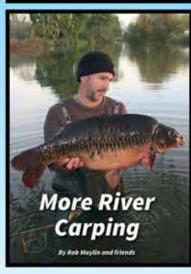
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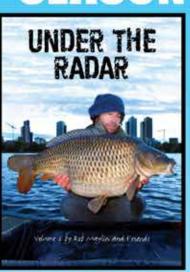


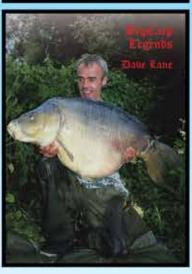












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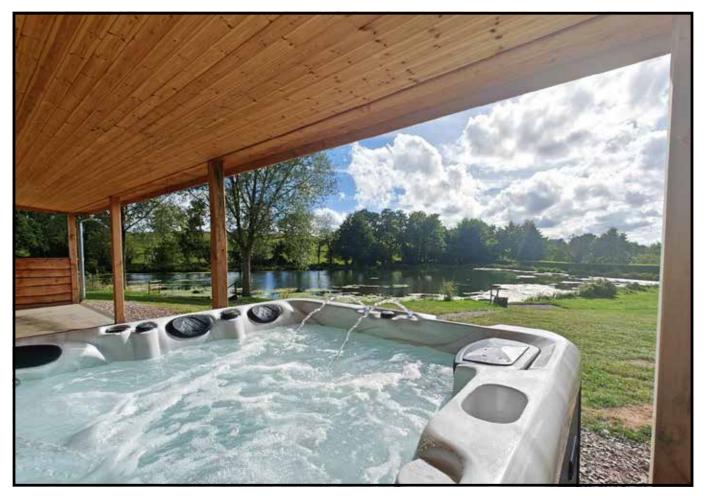
every year which revolves around my carp fishing. My missus doesn't mind as long as we go out on some of the days shopping or sightseeing. We've been doing this for many years now. Some of the fisheries we've been to have been very good some not so good. This time we thought we'd try Millhayes Fishery near Cullompton in Devon.

On arrival we noticed the lake had some weed on the surface. Weed doesn't have

I try to have a one holiday to be a problem if you fish it right. More about that later. We were shown around by Jez one of the owners. Jez is a serious carp angler from way back so he knows what us carp anglers want in the way of fishing. The accommodation was first class and the word luxurious springs to mind. With two bedrooms and two ensuite toilets and showers, a living, dining and a kitchen area superbly kitted out. My wife fell in love with it straight away and so did I. Outside







there is a veranda with tables and chairs ideally placed for eating outside or in my case for me to do my rigs on. My buckets bait placed were securely under the canopy of the veranda in the dry. The Jacuzzi was an added luxury item to be used. There are two Luxurious lodges that you can fish from one named "Sunset" the other "Fisherman's View". Me"Fisherman's in were View". More lodges are going to be built but fishing will not be allowed for the occupants.

Now for the most important thing, how many carp? Well, I'm told there are 110 carp swimming the around in 2-acre lake. These range from 20lb to a lake record forty plus with an average of around 29lbs. Apparently there are two forties in the lake. There are 30 different 30s. I've seen photos of some of the bigger carp which I've added to this article, there are some stunning lumps to be had.

Nets, weigh slings and mats are supplied. All you have to do is set up and fish.

Before I started fishing, I looked at some areas that I would like to fish on. I'd had a rake head tied to a length of rope with me and removed some of the weed to not only give me a spot to put a bait on but also, I created a channel in the weed to give me an area to land the fish. That was the theory anyway. I leaded about to find some clear spots. The weed was a type of silk weed slimy and clingy. You know the type that clings to your line and end tackle. Because of the weed I opted to use solid bags with a drop off lead system. Losing the lead would hopefully help me land the fish. The end tackle consisted of a Carp Mechanics size 4 G Force Micro Barbed hook tied to five inches of Carp Mechanics Komodo hook link Hook bait was a Steamies TNT Wafter. A lead-free leader was

tied to the bag rig. The whole rig was put into the PVA bag and the bag was filled with pellets. I squirted some pva friendly TNT booster liquid into the bag before tying it up to make it more attractive. Each bag had a different flavoured Wafter hook bait in it including TNT, Hydro Squid Liver and Krill and Bloodworm. These bags were cast out as bait boats are not allowed.

The bags were cast to their chosen spots and I catapulted about twenty boilies around each of them. I used Steamies TNT, Hydro Squid Liver and Krill and Bloodworm boilies as freebies. The solid bags will flatten any weed that they land on. It was a couple of days before I had a bite although some of the carp did show themselves late evening or early morning. This was early morning. The rod that was on a comparatively clear spot about twenty yards out was away. The bite indicator was rising and dropping back and the line had come out of the rod line clip. I lifted the rod and felt some resistance as something on the other end of the line was pulling back. As I slowly pulled the fish to the bank the line and end tackle was gathering a lot of weed along the way. Because of the weed I was using eighteen-pound line. Good job I did. The weed bed was moving slowly towards me as I pulled it and somewhere in it was a carp.

I got the weed bed to the bank but couldn't see the carp. I put the rod down and began removing the weed. All of a sudden, the weed began moving, the carp was still on. Gently I removed more weed and now could see the carp. I lowered the net and scooped the carp and some weed into it. As I cleared the weed from the net, I could see it was a good Mirror. After zeroing the scales, I placed the carp in the sling and hoisted it





up onto the scales. The dial slammed round to 35.08. What a stunning carp. I was well happy with that especially after preparing some areas to fish. The hard work had paid off. I always have some solid bags ready made for a recast so it wasn't long before I was recasting to the spot the carp had come from.

More boilies went around it in this instance it was TNT.

Although this is essentially a fishing holiday we have been going out. I feel this refreshes you and rests the swim. When I come back, I can't wait to get at it. I fish from about 3pm in the day and through the night and until around 10.0am. On some days we will stay in and fish. It's only fair as it is my wife's holiday too.

The wind got up and it caused some of the weed to



move. This played havoc with mv bite alarms because the weed moved it moved my line which in turn caused the alarms to bleep erratically. I couldn't back lead because of the weed so I tightened the line slightly which helped. The next day we didn't go out. We stayed in and fished. During the afternoon I went to check the rods and my righthand rod tip was twitching. It was the rod near the righthand margin between two weed beds. I lifted the rod and

whatever was on the other end was firmly secured in one of the weed beds. I kept a tight line and walked round to the right-hand margin until I was on top of the fish. My wife had seen me and came round to help. Once again, I gradually brought the fish and a bundle of weed slowly towards me. My wife managed to get the net under the fish and the weed and he was ours. Unravelling the weed from the line and the fish I could now see that it was another Mirror. This time



the scales stopped at 26.04. I kept pulling. My wife tried Another stunner. This one to net the weed but couldn't was caught using a Steamies get the net under the weed. I Hydro Squid Liver Wafter. gave the rod to my wife and I

I never had any runs during the night which was just as well because I was cosy and warm in a luxurious bed which I didn't want to leave. When we arrived at Millhayes it was very warm with temperatures up in the mid-twenties. That all changed after a few days when we had thunder storms with torrential rain and the temperature dropped to around seventeen degrees. Even with the rain we were able to sit under the veranda keeping a watchful eye on the rods. On the second to last day, I had another run. It was on a rod that I had cast to a clear spot with a Krill and Bloodworm Wafter on. Unfortunately, it too got caught up in weed

to net the weed but couldn't get the net under the weed. I gave the rod to my wife and I held onto the line. I could feel the fish moving in the weed. As I was trying to clear the weed the fish made a dash for freedom and the hook pulled out. I'd actually tried to scoop the carp into the net with my hands. Not only could I feel the carp I could see it. I estimated it to be around 33 to 34 pounds but unfortunately, we'll never know. That was the last bite I had. We were going home the next day. We had a nice Chinese takeaway that night delivered right to our door.

the second to last day, I had Would I go back? The another run. It was on a rod answer to that is a big yes, that I had cast to a clear spot I would. Although the weed with a Krill and Bloodworm was prevalent, I still managed Wafter on. Unfortunately, it to catch. If you use the right too got caught up in weed gear then there shouldn't be but I was gaining ground as I a problem with the weed. Jez pulled the weed towards me. told me that they are going I wasn't sure whether the fish to sort the weed out next was still on but nevertheless year. Fishing in the margins



helps especially if you use the jump. I would thoroughly washing line method. This lake recommend Millhayes if you is not for the faint hearted. want somewhere nice to take Don't turn up with light gear your wife or girlfriend. If you as you will be disappointed. would like to book a lodge at Thick lines don't matter when Millhayes for fishing or if you there is weed about. The would just like to stay there or carp won't see it. Millhayes want more info, please contact is in a lovely location very Tom on 07884437375 or email quiet and peaceful. The only Info@millhayeslakes.com sound you can hear is the There is a website at www. birds singing and of course millhayeslakesandlodges.co.uk the splashes when the carp Perhaps I'll see you there.

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I've been using immitation baits in one form or the other for many years, initially to simply give my present an edge or to look just that little bit different than anyone else. And this is still the case today the only issue is many lakes mainly in the UK have a ban on immitation baits due to the rig being live if theres a break in the line ect, however to go someway to combat this

situation Enterprise tackle who I've been a consultant with for many years ensure the immitation bait is Bio gradable so it will eventually break down.

There are a number of companies who have immitation bait within there accessories but to be honest there not a touch on Enterprise tackle products as not only were Enterprise the originators of immitation baits



no one really comes as close to the real thing, in my opinion of course!.

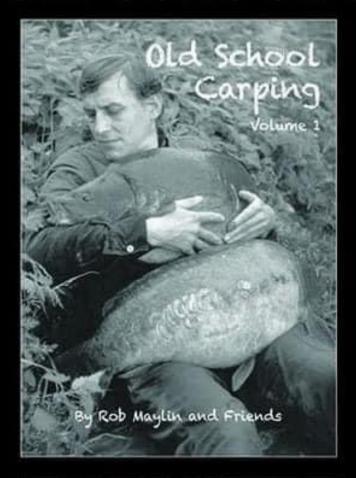
The range of products that ET have is substantial and for me simply tipping of a boilie with a piece of large pop up corn always looks good for a bite. I love to explore different ideas and try things out to be that little bit different, for example try a triple stack of the mini pop up tigers on a chod rig, it looks odd but having a 33lb 10z Mirror out of a hard water

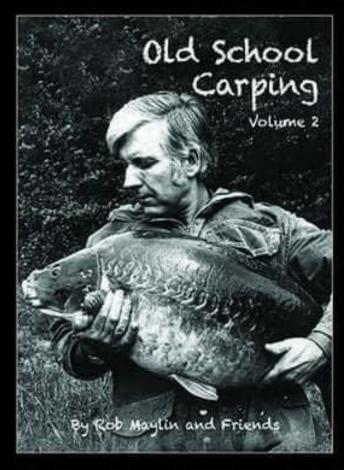
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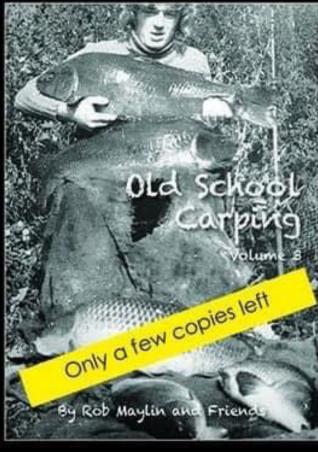
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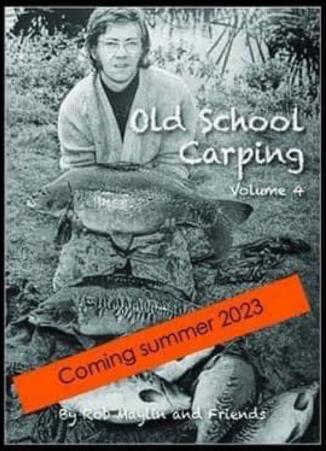
Anther favourite of mine is the Immitation maggots they are so life like Enterprise have these spot on, use them as a line aligner or mix them up with the real thing on

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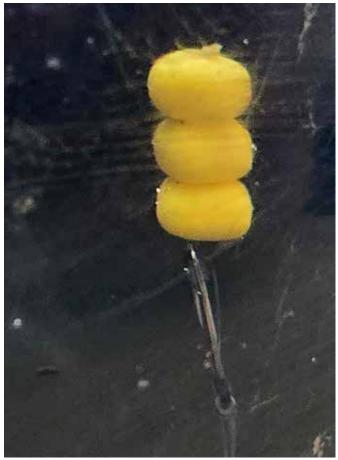






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say a Medussa rig can be devastating, or how about threading a couple onto your hooklink!!!

To keep my immitation bait in a attractive condition I keep them soaking in various flavours could be Betalin or Tiger nut juice absolutely anything as the baits will take on any flavour really well.

Another winner of great interest is the zig/ surface foam one piece of the zig foam will pop up a straight 12ft rig with ease, and a great range of colours to choose from.



Immitation bait when allowed to use it is only restricted by your imagination, think out side the box when useing it, I haven't even touched on hardly anything in what you can from Enterprise there is a huge range to be explored.

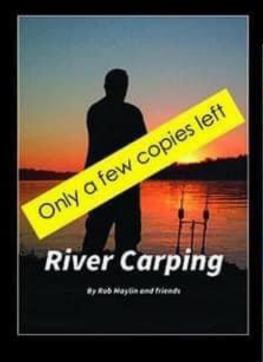
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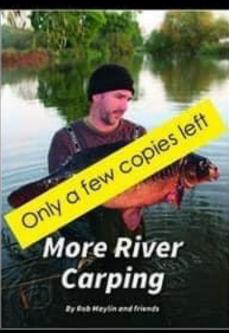


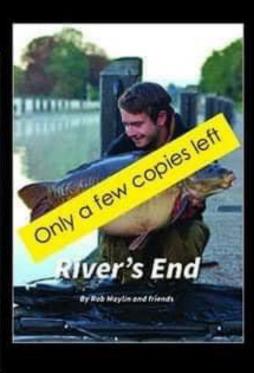


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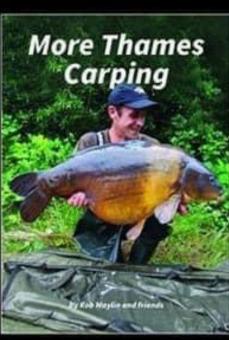
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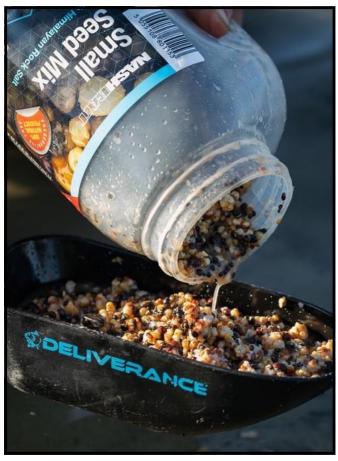
Jeff joins the exclusive club of anglers who have managed to catch a fish over 35 kg in a river setting... and when we say river, we're not talking about a dock, a dead arm, or a bit of water connected, we mean THE RIVER.

"I had 48 hours and, as usual, I didn't have anything specific in mind.

I like to go with the flow. Six years ago, I spotted an area on a large river that looked promising. After more than two hours battling the heat and back current, I finally arrived at the spot. I started my drone prospecting, and after an hour and four batteries, I finally saw a fish in the weed beds. It was getting late, so I decided to stay put. I set up the bivvy and started with a fake corn and a small seed mix combination to get a quick bite.

The other rods were placed





at various depths and spread out to avoid putting too much pressure on one spot. I felt confident, but by morning I realised my strategy might right not be and started doubting my choices. I was already considering changing spots but decided to let the rods fish until noon without disturbance. At 11:30 am, the R4 on the weedy rod started screaming. I made contact immediately, and after a few seconds, the fish came out of

the weeds and made a dash for the current before I had a chance to get into the boat.

The fight was intense. It

The fight was intense. It surfaced for the first time, putting the pressure on me as I realised, she was a giant. Five minutes later, I managed to bring her up again, and this time it was the right one! I was shaking; I could see this was bigger than anything I'd seen before. The weight took me to another planet. I'd caught my grail—36.8 kg!"





Since the end of January, my fishing has been, to say the least, pretty non existent (The joys of life I suppose!) But towards the end of June, there was finally "light at the end of the tunnel", with a 24 hour window of opportunity. One that I was definitely going to grab with both hands, I can tell you.

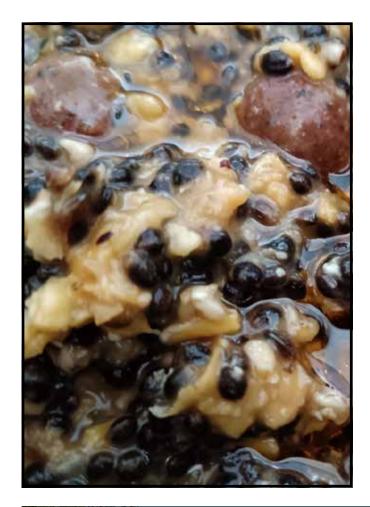
So not to waste too much time travelling, I decided on my local syndicate, which is only a 20 minute drive from home. It's a lovely secluded small lake with a fairly low stocking ratio, with fish going into the mid 30s. The scale patterns on some of the lake residents, really have to be seen to be believed.

It's certainly not a water that's going to break pbs, but it's definitely a place that allows you to get away from it all and unwind from the rigmarole of daily life. But more importantly it's a place that reminds you of what fishing really should be about.... Something, sadly, I think is lost in today's carp scene! Arriving at the lake, I was surprised to find no other cars in the car park, which was a winwin situation. After wandering around the perimeter of the lake, I decided on a swim called 'Double Oaks', which gave me access to the shallows as well as a slightly deeper area of water, combined with a bar and two nice patches of lillies. The weather was far from ideal, with 25 degrees plus and no breeze at all (Weather I'd probably normally stay at home with). But beggars can't be choosers and with it being my first trip in months, I was going to make the best out of it.

With set up complete. I sat



back with a well deserved cold beer and watched the water like a hawk, for any signs of life. Not that there was anything to be seen. By 11pm, I drifted off to sleep, ever hopeful of being woken by that sweet sound of my Delkim receiver going into meltdown. And 30 minutes later, my wish came true, albeit, very short lived as after a small battle the fish got the better of me. With my middle rod fishing close to it, I decided not to put it back out







for a few hours as it's quite a of around 8-9lb, wallowing in spooky water.

rod was away and after trying everything in its power to make it two nil to the carp, the net was slid under a mid double common, that I can only describe as a fish that only its parents could love! Aka 'The Wonky Donkey'..... After quickly slipping it back, I boated both rods back out and catapulted a few freebies over my right hand rod, just to freshen the spot, as first light broke.

It's always such a special time of day, with beautiful sunrises and wildlife waking up. It's something magical and makes the venues even more enchanting, that we are lucky enough to fish. Something that I will never stop enjoying, but one that's missed by most! Just after 7am, the left hand rod was away again. But this time there was no repeat of the early hours, and I soon had a small, single figure common

the bottom of the net. A carp Just after half 4 the middle that obviously took a liking to a 'Baitworks' Atlantic Heat Hard Hookbait, wrapped in matching paste.

> Soon enough he was back in his watery home and with a fresh bait back out on the spot, I sat back to enjoy a lovely cup of fresh coffee. However, a few minutes after sitting back, the same rod was away again. This one felt bigger and after another spirited battle, I had a scraper 20lb mirror, looking back at me. I was over the moon with that one, as even though it was early, the sun was already very warm, with no breeze at all, which was far from ideal. Again I decided to leave the rod out for an hour or so, especially being a good bite time so as to not disturb my middle spot. And just before midday, my plan had paid off, as the middle rod was away. Completely different to the

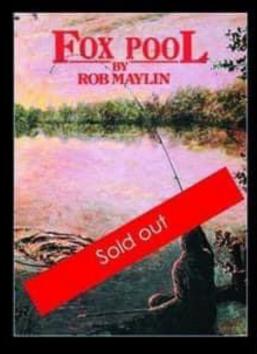
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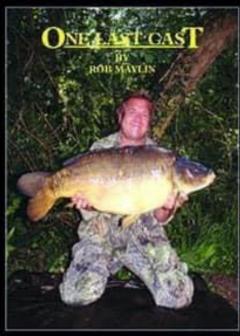
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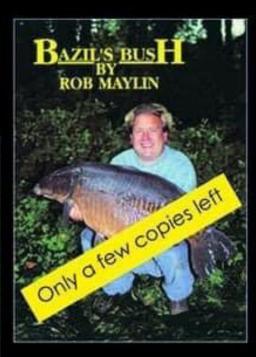
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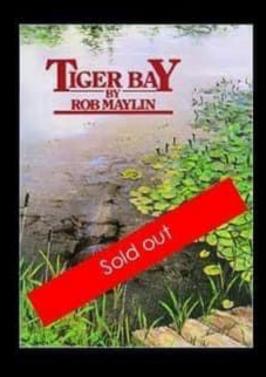
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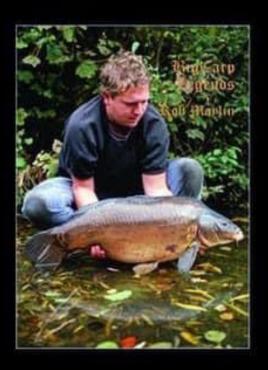
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plodded around in front me, for what seemed like an eternity. I finally got my first glimpse as its flanks broke the surface and once in the net, I could see my reward of another stunning mirror that weighed just under the 21lb mark. With the fish safely returned and the rod back on the spot, I decided to start packing up for the off around 8pm that evening. I have to admit at this point I was not too hopeful of any more action, especially with the temperatures being in the mid 20s (although it felt more like 30+).

Around 4pm, I was in again, time the bait being a 'Baitworks' Dumbbell Wafter on a simple German Rig. No monster at just over 13lb, With time if unexpected. ticking away and most of the gear on the barrow, I was at With the pics done. I finally last chance saloon and as



you set to leave never really happen. Or not in my world, and with fish in the area. kicking up the bottom, I was going to hold out for as long as I could. Thankfully I have a very understanding Wife. Just before 10pm the ever faithful the alow from Delks but all the same, the common lighting the sky, the net was was much appreciated, even soon slipped under another lovely mirror weighing just under 20lb.

gave in and put the rod away in always, as an angler the times the case. As I was packing the



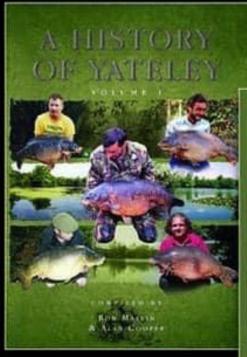
which had been non existent the last 24 hours was away and after coaxing it away from 16lb 6oz was photographed. I'm not one for fishing in the months, but when warmer you can and this trip showed Obsession Carp,"Believe me that, with a bit of effort and your Dreams!" work, it's still possible to have Be lucky a result. 7 fish in 24 hours in

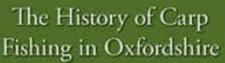
second rod away, my final rod crazy temps with a lake flatter than a fresh brew. At the end of the day, it's not always about chasing monsters. Sometimes the pads another common of it's nice just to get back to basics and enjoy fishing and its benefits to your health and mind for what it should be.

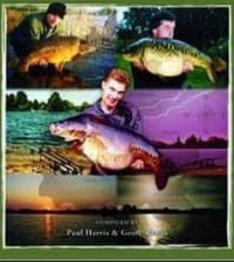
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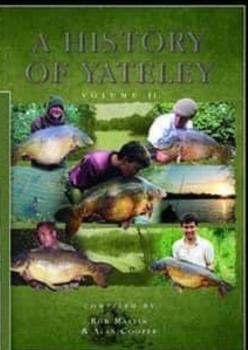
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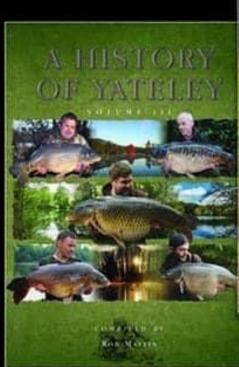
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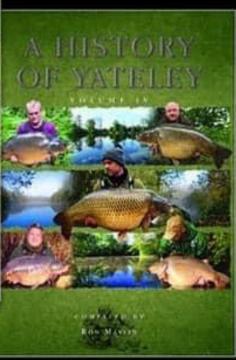












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'After getting my ticket this year for Milton Abbas, I was super excited to get started! With having loads of matches it wasn't until this weekend I managed to get down for my first night whilst being a member.

Having done a few guestys with Jonny and other mates over the years, I did know what the carp like, BOILIES, and lots of them! After a couple laps it was pretty clear where the bulk of fish were, with it being so clear





you can literally see the clear spots! Clipping a couple of rods to different clearings it wasn't long before I had a rod on each, thick heavy fluro (18lb Kontour) straight through to Hybrid Lead Clips with 4oz leads making sure to pin everything down with a small blacklead.

The rig end was my simple blow back rig with a 15mm

Cell wafter fished over 1.5kg of 15mm Cell over each rod. I was confident of a bite but wasn't expecting 8 fish by 9am the following morning. After every fish, I reaped the process by putting another kilo over the rod with a match the hatch wafter! A lovely start and hopefully I can keep them coming'.















# BURGEELD GOMMON

The session actually started at the end of a session the week before, I was fishing 3/4 of the way down towards Hodders point, in the channel that opened up into weedy bay, and my mate Dave was fishing a swim behind me over

the bank into snag bay, I had a small common, 18.04, and that is all we had between us, Dave was up and gone early on the Sunday, so I packed up around 11.00, and made my way back along the ridge, the path takes a sharp right turn,

but I could see, through the trees and undergrowth, a small swim, at the back of weedy bay, where the lake continued down to the dog leg, I put the barrow down and decided to have a closer look, it was so overgrown, the only way in, was from the oak tree swim behind, once in the swim, it looked "carpy", a small island to the left, a bay in between, and the long island to the right, any fish going down to the dog leg would have to pass this spot, so back to the barrow to get what bait I had left and back to the swim, I put all I had left, into 3 areas, just in front of the island to the left went the winter peach, the bay between the 2 islands had a spread of scopex spice, and the chocolate orange went to a spot in front of the island to the right, all Perfection groundbaits boilies, 15mm, I put in total about 1 kg of bait out, not a lot, but then, people that know me, know I am not

one for feeding the fish with loads of bait, I have never prebaited before either, always a gamble, but I knew this swim hadn't been visited for a long while, job done, back to the barrow for the long push to the car park.

Thursday finally arrived, working 4 12 hour days, Monday to Thursday meant I had 3 days fishing, the car was already loaded, and at 6pm, I was off for the trek up the M3 and A33 to Burghfield, All the while thinking about getting to the lake, I opened the gate to the car park at about 7.20, no cars, result, the barrow was duly loaded for the long push, I was pretty much sprinting to start, anyone that has done that push knows, it doesn't last long, but I eventually arrived on top of the ridge that led to Hodders point, I could see the swim was as I had left it just 4 days previous, I unloaded the barrow and got all the gear into the swim, thats when





I realized just how small it thermal suit was, but I got all in, and got the rods out onto the areas baited earlier, all went down with that satisfying "donk" and ready for the night, Just accompanied with just 20 freebies, The light was fading fast, so dinner was cooked, rig certainly gave some zero The nights were starting to get chilly, so to save weight, heading down towards the dog no sleeping bag, so on with leg, and after a short scrap, was the thermal suit, a final brew, in the landing net, it was dark, and head down.

kettle for the first the still fish with even now, that method saw me catch 76 carp at Yateley, so stuck with what already banked a 38.07 out of remained quiet. Bailiffs the previous month, so Saturday the day was warming so the on,

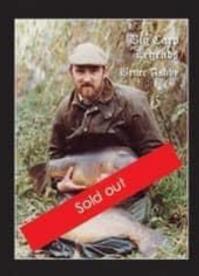
removed. up and on with the radio. the day passed uneventful, dinner cooked, fresh baits on before 8pm the right hand rod ripped off, using the shocker to ballistic runs, the fish was so on with the head torch, for Friday morning arrived after a look at what was in the net, an action-less night, on with a nice looking mirror, which of was duly hoisted out onto the many brews, and fresh baits, unhooking mat, photos done I was fishing snowman rigs, and weighed, 24.15, and back coupled with the shocker rig into its watery home, new baits on all 3 spots, a tactic that I on, and back out onto the spot, 10 more freebies, on with the kettle and thermal suit and in 1 season on the Match lake feet up, now was this due to pre-baiting I wondered.... The I had confidence in, I had rest of the evening and night

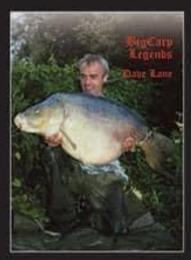
duly morning no reason to change, breakfast arrived, the bivvy was damp was soon cooked, and eaten, from the dew, stove lit, kettle followed by breakfast,

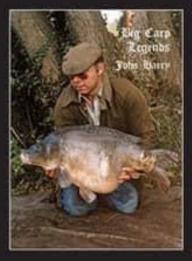
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The anglers that shaped todays carp scene

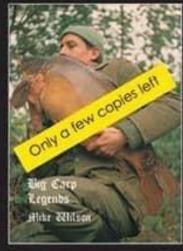


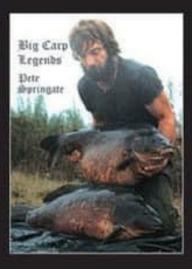


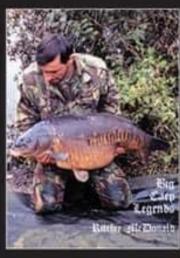


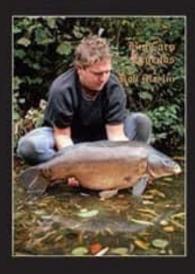


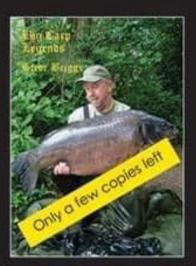












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early in the up against the rod, coupled what with what sounded like a pig had fallen in, followed by the with the plate, grab the rod and in the chance of a tangle, after a long battle of it swimming up against the bivvy, now as the lash, no chance of photos this was a small swim, with a then, so I did self takes, big fish, I reeled the other 2 fortunately, the fish behaved rods in, and got all out of the without a single tail slap or way, and I hoisted the fish up any hysterics, photos were onto the landing net, yep, it checked, and back it went, was big, it was duly unhooked chuffed doesn't come close to and weighed, 40.08, my first how I was feeling, the left and uk forty, I rang my mate Dave, right hand rods were quickly he wasn't fishing, but was on back out on the spots, and I



was eating what was now a flash, clamping down on the cold dinner, at the same time spool, like the mirror, it tried as putting fresh baits on the to get round the back of the middle rod, when the right island, again, I had no option hand rod roared off, It had only but to hang on, and steer it my been out for 15 minutes, after way, it felt heavy, very heavy, another protracted scrap, it and luckily, I had it my side of was in the net, it was now dark, the island, and it was kiting so on with the head torch, another mirror, which was again weighed and photos, done, 30.09, I couldn't believe with the reel up against the my luck, new baits on, and the delkim, quickly followed by middle and right hand rods the landing net, the fish all the were back out on the spots, time kiting left, with a heavy I finally finished my dinner, plod, to the left of the swim fresh brew, thermal suit on was an overhanging tree....... and feet up, I was grinning and weedy bay..... I had like a cheshire cat, I had had a no choice, if it got round the 20, 40, and a 30, in 1 weekend, corner, it was gone, so the tip looking at the piccys, reliving of the rod was down into the it all, was it down to pre-lake, wind down, and hold on, baiting tho? I didn't care, it I could feel it kicking with was getting late, about 11pm its tail, and then I could see when the stillness of the night that it was under the tree, the was interupted by the middle water was rocking in what bobbin cracking into the butt little light there was, the of the rod again, and another rod did its job, and the fish big splosh from between the turned towards me, the rod islands, I was on the rod in a was coming back, so I lifted

left, so the left hand rod tip was agaig dispatched to the bottom of the marginal shelf,



it slowly, i could see the tip what was laying in the net, was facing straight down, it "fuck me, its the burghfield was under the rod, and above common" I stood there in awe the landing net, shit or bust of its sheer size and length, time, I scooped the net up, it pure golden colour from the was in, I was shaking, the net head torch, brain went into was hooked over the delkim, meltdown, I was at the lake, line played off, head torch alone, with one of the most time, I still hadn't actually sought after carp, and it was seen the fish, I flicked the in my net, I pulled myself torch on and looked down, I together, bit the line, and got plainly remember the words the other 2 rods in, and all that left my mouth when I saw out of the way, the swim was too small for photos with this fish, the camera, tripod, water bucket were all moved into the oak tree swim, the landing net arms were removed and rolled up, it was 1 big heave, it was heavy, very very heavy, on to the unhooking may, it filled it, I unravelled the net, got the hook and rig all out of the way, the weigh sling was immersed by its tail, I could feel it tense, and put on the scales, all was zeroed, i got the fish into the flick of its tail, out it went, I sling, on the scales, 53.10, was able to follow it with the I was ecstatic, but still had head torch for about 6 meters photos to do, so all was put before it just swam down into back onto the unhooking mat the depths of weedy bay, no and secured, and a giick walk fuss, no bow wave, it was back over the bank into the oaktree where it belonged, swim. I had the camera set on the tripod on custom mode, to take 10 photos, all were done, weedy bay, all was silent, in 1 round of ten, both sides, and one in the middle of me picking it up after turning it and as you can gather, I do round, that fish could have not sack fish, each to their trashed me if it had decided own, and I always put the to kick off, it didn't, it is a safety of fish first, hence a magical memory, it is one big good camera, I use a Canon fish, very long, with perfect S5IS, it has

manners, it was wetted, and reweighed, 53.10, time return it to its watery home, for the next fortunate angler, shoes and socks off, fish in the weigh sling, and i walked inth the margins with it, undid the sling and lowered all into the lake, the sling was gotten out of the way and I held the fish so let it go, and with a single

I sat at the base of the oaktree, looking out there was knowbody witness the event, just me, flip а round



screen, and the facility to do it out, on with the kettle, right.

picked new baits, and I just flicked Happy happy days

custom mode on self takes, and out with the mobile you programme how many phone, I sent a simple text you want it to take, and you to my mate's Dave and Alan can view the shot after each " the burghfield common one, to get the positioning weighs 53.10" Needless to say, it was a sleepless night, everything up, I didn't care, 4 fish, my uk and returned to the swim, pb was broken twice in walking on cloud 9, the left the space of 5 hours, And I and right hand rods back on had caught the Burghfield the spots, middle rod retied, common......

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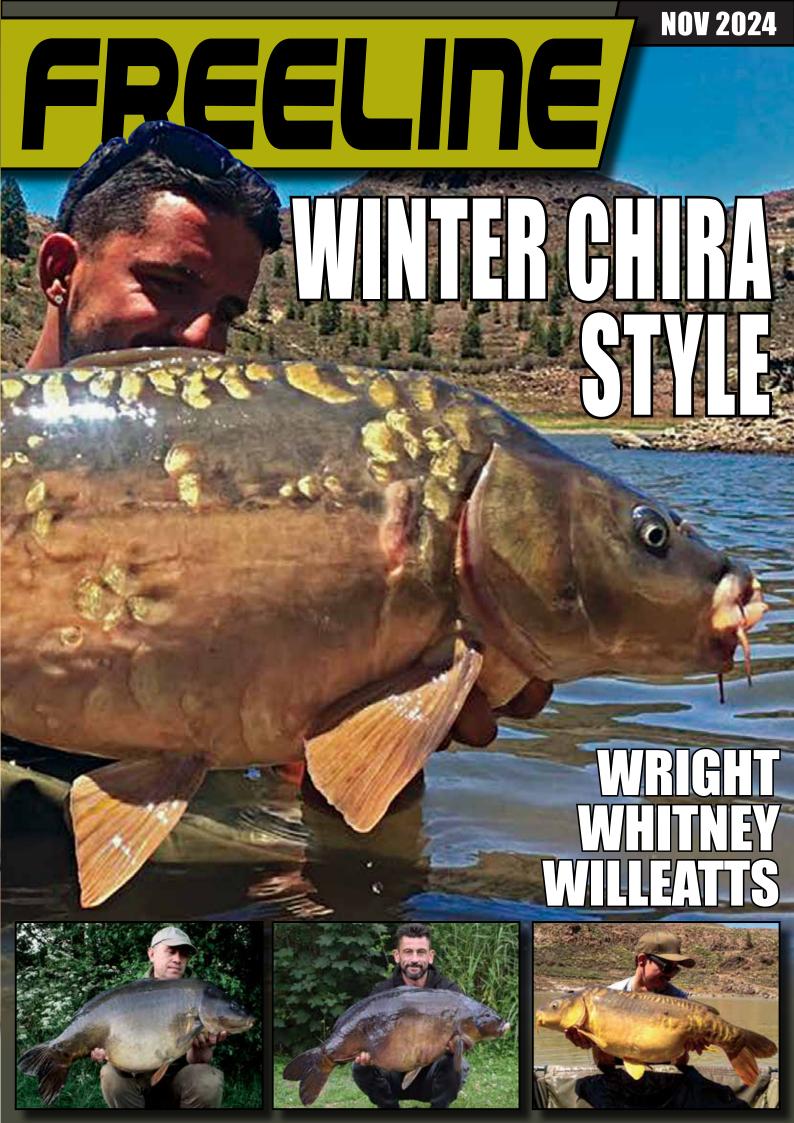
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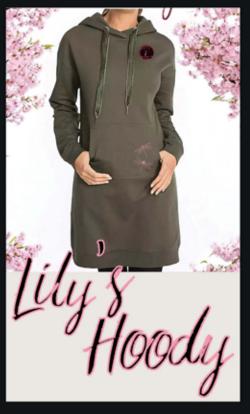
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# ua Lilium Clothing

### Calling all ladies







As the year is very quickly drawing to a close, it has come quite apparent from this year's sales we have a number of female anglers purchasing clothing from our website.

Although this is really good for Aqua Lilium, we have decided now is the right time to bring vou ladies your very own range of affordable, comfortable and stylish garments that will be available on our ever-growing

It has been yet again another great year and we have been lucky enough to have some great female members on our books.

Around two months ago myself and consultant Steven Quinn sat down and had a meeting on what was next for the brand. To be honest it was quite a quick decision to develop a woman's range as after some research it became quite obvious when it comes to fishing clothing the ladies of the sport are very limited to what's available.

There was a problem though, what do we know about woman's clothing? We both sat there for a while scratching our heads and made a list of requirements.

- 1. Must be comfortable.
- 2. Must be shaped in all the right areas. 3. Must be warm.
- 4. Must be able to cater for all

There was still a problem; what kind of designs shall we start

All of a sudden, we had a lightbulb moment, let's ask our female angers what they would like to see us bring to the angling world.

That evening, I made a plea to our female anglers on all social media platforms and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody who took the time to message us back with their ideas. So having said all that, we are very proud to bring you the first of the Aqua Lilium woman's clothing range. Developed by the female angler for the female angler. We start with Lily's hoody, a beautiful olive-green hoody dress using as normal only the best materials. The dress boasts yet another unique design on the back by Mark Quinn which shows a stunning dragonfly hovering over a lily pad flower. On the front is just as eye catching, with two further dragonfly's gliding upwards from the pocket entrance. Also featured on the hoody dress is a shoe lace style pull chord with an Aqua Lilium font embedded into the stitching. This unique hoody dress will be available for pre-order. Moving on, we bring you our unbelievably warm leggings. The leggings come in a splash proof material and are fully wool lined internally. At the moment we will be releasing these in black however we do plan to bring various other colours to the market. Next, we have the dungarees. A

lot of thought has gone into these

especially the fitment which was very difficult to get right due to the

hip and bust area. It was decided

that could be undone to show an

extension of fabric which allows

you to pull in or let out the sides.

the best way to combat this would be to add a buttoned area situated at the waist on both sides



There are also extra buttons on the bust strap also for similar reasons as explained previously.

On the front of the dungaree, we

decided to add a moon phase design that is also featured on our very own ALC T- Shirt.

This brings us nicely on to the very first Woman's T-shirt and after the success of the ALC Launch it was decided to bring this design out in a woman's cut. That some of our female anglers are testing and modelling at the moment.

We are very excited to bring the

modelling at the moment.

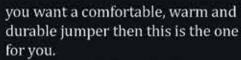
We are very excited to bring the angling community this range and look forward to bringing you all many more designs. But! Sorry ladies unfortunately there must be a but, and this is where you come in. For us to make this a success it needs your support and backing, if we get the backing, we will continue to bring you great designs and I promise we will always deliver on the quality you deserve. If you are interested everything is available for pre-order so, please contact www.aqualiliumclothing@



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Some other exciting news to bring you. We are excited to bring you the SAS jumper in time for you to wrap up for your loved one this Christmas. We have already received loads of great feedback from our loyal customers stating this is by far the best fishing jumper they have ever purchased. Please don't take our word for it, just pop over to our Facebook page and see for yourself. The SAS Jumper is already tipped to be our best seller this winter so if





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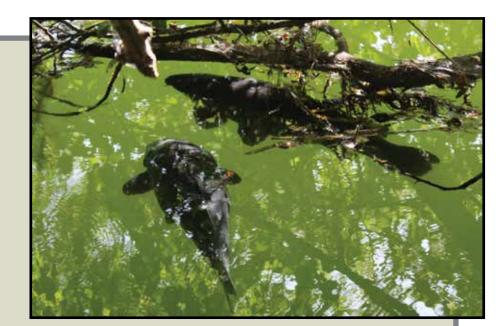


unding opportunity for freshwater clubs and fisheries! The Angling Improvement Fund (AIF) has reopened with £100,000 available angling organisations with support projects that tackle the spread of invasive non-native species and increase biosecurity at angling venues. The AIF is administered by the Angling Trust and is funded by the Environment Agency through the sales of fishing rod licences - just one of several ways the EA channels this income to benefit anglers across England. Applications for up to £5,000 funding are invited from clubs, fisheries and other angling-related applications organisations. Joint clubs and fisheries wishing to undertake a project covering larger areas will also be welcomed. The maximum award for these catchment projects is £10,000.

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Team member Scott Johnson at it again nailing this stunner. "Back on the commons this week. A 21lb last light bite, on a solid bag cast on showing fish. Size 4 Scorpion Wide Gape with tungsten kickers" Well done Scott.





Team member Ben Flockton managed to bank two absolute bangers over the weekend. Ben used our size 6 Curved hooks in a spinner style rig incorporating our baitscrew and ezee swivel to balance 12mm pop up. Well done.





Team member Alan Morton fished at Towcester Race Course lake and nailed this 30lb 12oz PB common and a 28lb mirror. Alan used our size 4 Crank hooks in a blowback style rig, made from CTO Pro hook link and 2mm shrink tubing. Congratulations Alan.



Team member Will Cottrell caught this banging mirror over the weekend using our Scorpion Chod hooks tied in an IQ2 rig. Well done Will.







Team member Lee Weldon is another getting amongst a few fish. Along with these three 20s, he also had a few cats but unhooked them and let them go. Lee used our size 4 Scorpion Curved hook tied in a slip D rig to catch these beauties. Well done Lee.

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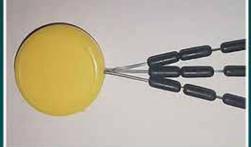
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# OPEN LETTER FROM THE DIRECTORS OF SPOTTEDFIN

Dear all.

It is with deep regret, that the directors have decided to close Spotted Fin with immediate effect.

We have always tried to do the right thing for the brand, first and foremost and sometimes we got it right and sometimes we did not. We don't apologise for that... but we hope it will have inspired others on their angling journey, to rise to the top and challenge the industry with new ideas and values just as we tried to do.

Our thanks first go to our staff Cameron Scott and Neal Baskerville. We got to here because of you.

We would like to thank Jaap Johnson, for delaying retirement to help get the brand going and good friend Lauren du Gard for joining us at the beginning to setup the admin.

We thank Russell Grimes and Simon Willsmore, who had great influence on our direction and success on the match world and Clint Walker and Jacob Stone in coarse and especially Simon and Sue Ward in Carp, who worked tirelessly from the beginning in building equipment, helping with shows and providing a

#### **Carp Chat**

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# Fishing brothers receive awards for life-saving rescues four months apart



In a remarkable coincidence, Angling Trust Voluntary Bailiff Mark Longthorne and his brother Shaun were each involved in separate lifesaving rescues just months apart.

The brothers, who are bailiffs and members of the Doncaster & District Angling Association (DDAA), were recently recognised for their bravery with Royal Humane Society awards, presented by Ed Miliband, Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero.

In August 2023, Mark was on a routine patrol at Sprotbrough on the River Don in Doncaster when he came across an area littered with empty beer bottles before he spotted a drunken man face down in the water. Luckily, the man's head was resting on a rock, creating a small gap that allowed him to breathe. Without hesitation, Mark called 999 and waded into the river, holding the man

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above the water for a considerable time until emergency services arrived. His quick actions undoubtedly saved the man's life despite the dangers posed by the river, renowned for areas of fast-flowing water and flash floods.

Just three days after Christmas 2023, brother Shaun found himself in a similarly perilous situation. While setting out to patrol a known illegal fishing spot, Shaun spotted a man sitting on a bridge, appearing ready to jump onto the railway tracks below.

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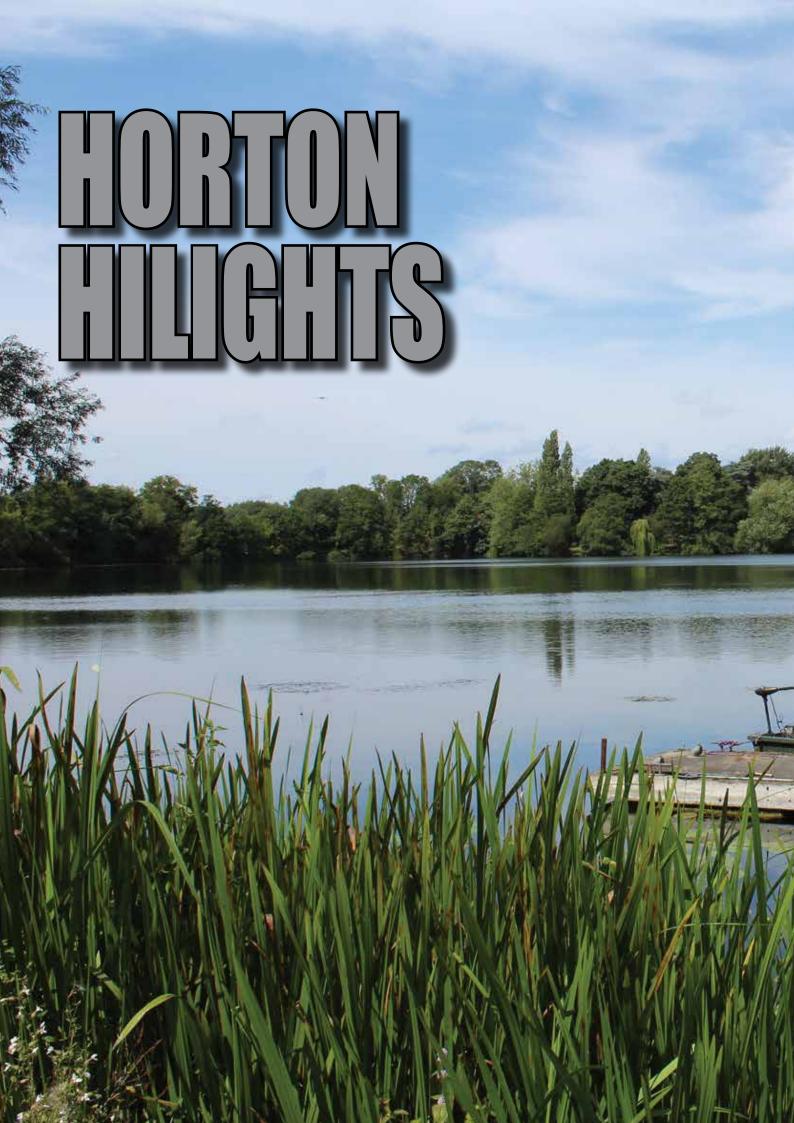


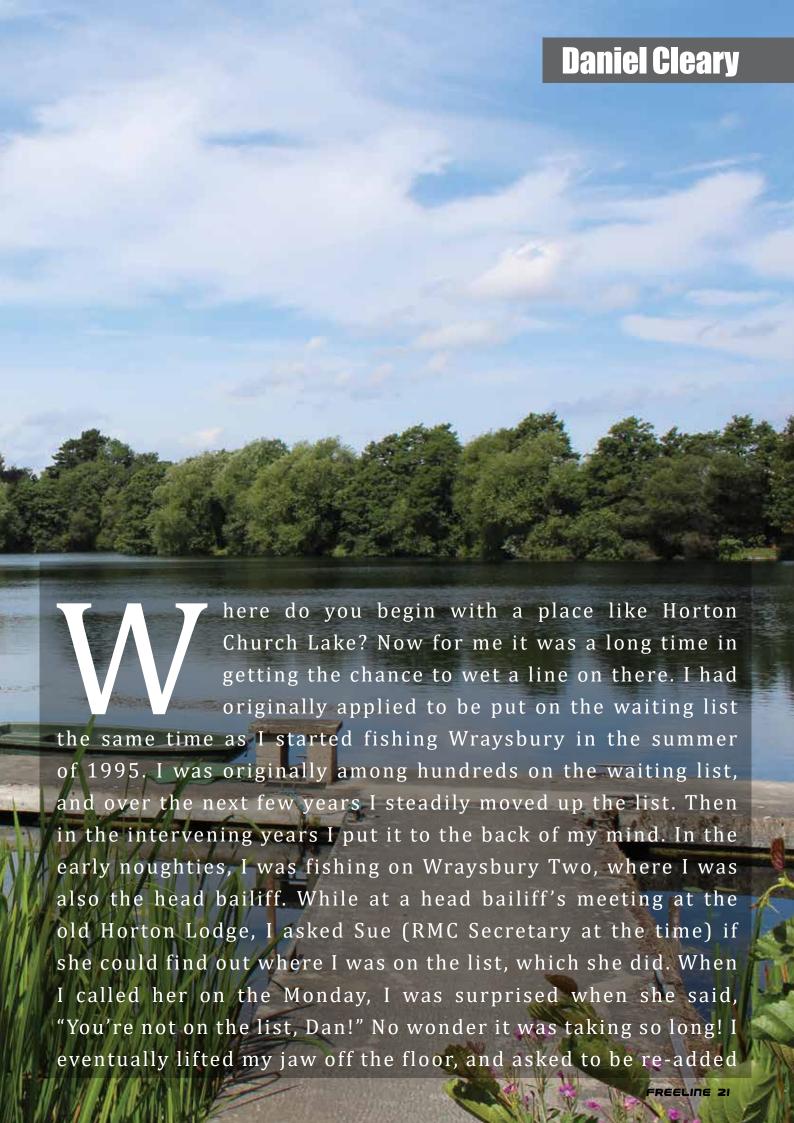


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to the waiting list, which Sue did. I had moved during this time, and sometimes my head bailiff materials for W2 would be delivered there in error, so we could only surmise that at some point I'd reached the top of the list, and my invitation letter was sent there, but I never replied of course, and so I got removed from the list!

Eventually 16 years later in 2011, the letter found its way to the correct address, and I phoned and paid pretty much then and there. Sadly I couldn't make the draw or opening day, as I was fishing in Belgium at the time. I'd already arranged the trip, and I was travelling back on the opening day. Now I must say I had been spoilt, fishing large waters with relatively few anglers for a decade, and being in a 9-5 Monday to Friday, I was never going to be the first at the Horton gates on Friday afternoon.

My first session was on the 10<sup>th</sup> June. Ten days had gone by, and a lot of fish had been out at this point already. Sadly a few fished died during the spawning period as well – the Big Leather and Hazel both at 44lbs. I'd got away from work a little early, but on arrival found the car park full, so I parked by Horton Boat Pool and walked over to the lodge to sign in for the first time. I was angler no 19, with three or four swims left to choose from. I dropped into Springate's for the weekend, and I managed a tench and eel for my efforts. Sadly, Merlin, another 40lb-plus fish, was found dead on my first morning on the lake. I managed three more trips but struggled with the number of anglers on such a small lake, so I raised the preverbal white flag. I pulled off for the remainder of the summer, vowing to return late autumn, hoping to find the banks a little quieter on my return. I had another new water, in the shape of 50-acre lake





with an unknown stock, with only a 20-man syndicate... That was more up my street!

I returned to Horton at the end of October. I had got my head sorted; if I was going to catch from Horton, then I had to get to grips with the crowds. Luckily the crowds had reduced at this point. I'd done two overnighters; I'd been working in Germany a lot, so I struggled to get any real time in. But even with just two overnighters under my belt, I felt I was close both times, as the fish were showing during dark, so I had a good idea where they were. I booked a couple of days off work the following week and had a four-nighter planned. There were about half a dozen anglers on the lake, all in the area I fancied, so I dropped into Springate's, which appeared to be the end of the section of water they were holding up in at the time.

I was fishing out in open water when, during the evening in the darkness, I noticed some ripples. Now the wind was pushing into me, but the ripples were going out, so I stared intently at the near margin, and only a minute later, a head popped out, no more than rod length away from the left of the swim. I quickly wound in one of my rods, tied on a new hookbait, placed a small PVA stick over the hook point and under-arm flicked the rig out, just a couple of feet past the marginal bush to my left. I just held the line when I felt the lead was near the bottom of the deep margin, and I instantly felt the lead hit firm ground. I slackened off the line, threw in a handful of boilies, and then got back in my bag and kept quiet. I couldn't sleep; I was buzzing! I felt this was it... this was what I was waiting for, but eventually I dozed off.

I was awoken just before 5am, but it felt like it was only five minutes later. The adrenaline was pumping, as I could feel a



carp stripping line off my reel, going into all sorts of branches to my left, hugging the margins into Church Bay. With most of the rod submerged and just the reel and butt of the rod above the water, eventually the fish slowed down, and I started to pump it back towards me. Eventually I had to lift the rod to see what angle the line was at. It had kited out in open water, and I could start breathing again. The joy and excitement I felt once I lifted the net around my first Horton carp was something else. It was a stockie that had been put a few years before, but it was a fully named Chilly at 18lbs and a good enough start for me. I carried on fishing through the winter, moving around the lake, trying picture the contours and features while it was relatively quiet.

Then during the following spring, I managed to catch one of

the older members of the lake's current stock at the time in the form of Boxer, on a zig, from Springate's. I was fishing a piece of amino soaked black foam at 12ft in 16ft of water on my last trip of the season, just before the lake closed for two months. Once the close season was out the way, I was determined to get something going. I will admit it took me a few months and a change of bait and rig to bring me success in the end. The lake was dominated by Tigernut-based baits, Monster Tiger Nut, Cell etc, so I chose to go in the opposite direction and started using the Crave, with a strong pungent red fishmeal bait. I didn't catch straight away, but I had seen plenty of signs, with fish rolling and fizzing over my baited areas, so I knew they were having it during my first couple of sessions with the bait. I had gone down the same road as a lot of other anglers and was using chod and multi rigs, but chose to switch to a small 360-rig using a size 8 Gardner Mugga hook and 10mm pop-ups that had been working for me on another water quite well. My thinking was that it was a low down pop-up, not sitting an inch up from the bottom like a lot of other pop-up type rigs.

My first fish, nearly a year previously had come to a 360-rig, so why I changed rigs, I'm not entirely sure now, but you live and learn. It was in Springate's once again that finally I had some success in having a stockie from the lake, reared on from spawn by the late Del Smith, in the shape of a fish called Trouble, a stunning scaly mirror, which also has a brother called Spite as well.

The following night, I was still in the same swim with the same wind gently blowing into me when I had another take off the marginal spot a couple of hours into dark. It plodded around

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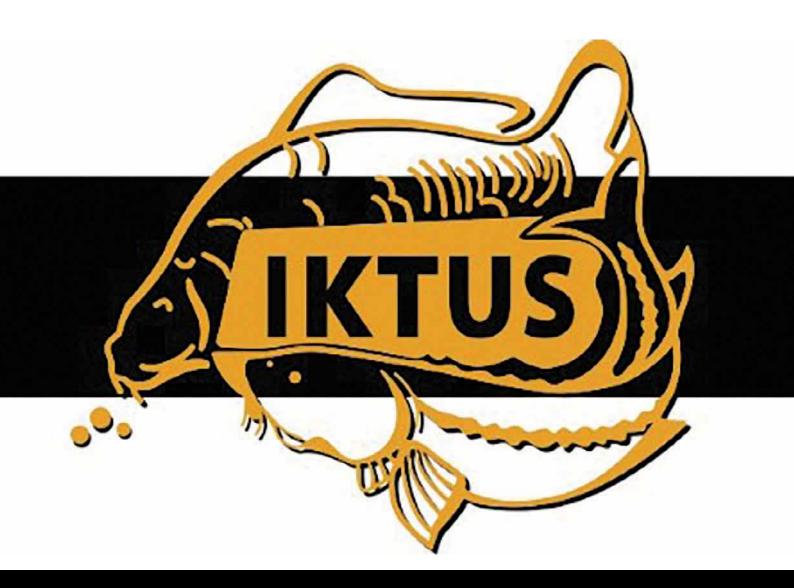






deep, like big carp usually do, but eventually it started to tire. It was getting close to netting, and then as I was about to slide it over the net cord, it flicked its head and the hook sailed over my head – gutted!

I pulled off this winter, flitted around a few waters here and there and returned at the start of February. It was still bitterly cold with day temperature only reaching a high of two degrees. The frost on the ground only cleared where the low winter sun could reach, otherwise it remained crisp and white for most of the day. I started off where I had finished in Springate's. I set my alarm for 2am to listen for an hour. The alarm woke me up, and I put the stove on and listened for any signs of fish – the Horton carp do like night time roll. Half an hour later, I heard a crash out in the distance, pretty much centre of the lake. I then got wrapped up back in the bag and woke at first light. I then packed up and moved to the Reeds on the north bank and had a



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lead around. I found a nice, deep, clear area at 80 yards' range. I placed all my rigs out there with a small scattering of boilies on dark once the tufties and gulls had gone for the day. Another fish showed around 7pm but only 50 yards' range slightly to the left of the swim. I wound one rod in and flicked it out towards where the fish showed. I didn't receive any indications, but it was good to see the fish starting to wake up from their winter slumber, even though it was still very cold.

I then spent most of March concentrating in Church Bay, where I'd spotted a few fish in the snags at the bottom of the bay. One of the grassies, Mr Bean, would show up on dark and would swim around in circles all night in the bay. As soon as it started



getting light, he would drop down and disappear for the day. It was a really cold spring that year, and from recollection only one fish came out during a short mild period in February.

That spring they chose to dispense with the close season (April and May) and decided to close the lake for two weeks once the fish started spawning instead, which I think makes a lot more sense. So the lake would be fished during the months of April and May for the first time. I didn't really make the most of the opportunity, as I had already planned a week's fishing in Belgium during May, so I had no other holidays from work to use.

My first fish of the year did come in May, just before I was due to head out to Belgium, so it was a good boost before I left on my canal adventure. It was a 29lb mirror from the Slope swim in Dog Bay on the western end of the lake. The weed was growing nicely in the area, and the fish were frequenting the area a lot. If was a satisfying capture, as it came to a regular bottom bait straight out the bag - a good sign they liked the bait. I went on to catch eight fish that year, topped by the Dynamite Fish at 37lbs. All the fish came from two swims, either the Slope during the summer months, or Captors in the autumn. Captors, for anyone that doesn't know, commands the centre of the lake, a large gravel hump of around 12-13ft depth, with 15-18ft around it that everyone calls it the Captors spot basically. The majority fell to the small 10mm 360 rig, which the now popular Ronnie rig was based on, or the tried and tested snowman rig. It really felt good to get a few fish under my belt, and it was a huge confidence boost for the following year ahead. I knew both the rigs and baits were working, and I just needed to apply my tactics correctly to the water in front of me at the time. I

also felt I could now utilise some midweek overnighters more affectively, if and when the conditions felt right.

The following spring I was sitting in the Lookout. It was one of those warm spring days, with the odd shower mixed in. It was one of the bonus nights, as I call them, as the missus was out for the night, so I had little choice but to go fishing, of course. The area looked good for a bite, and at first light the odd fish started to show over my baited area. I had both rods at 60 yards, where the bottom was a little cleaner than the



surrounding area, which was horrible and black. I was using chods on both... I'd not had much success on them myself, even though plenty of others had, but it just felt like the right rig for the situation in front of me. Fish had been showing all morning; it was one of those frustrating sessions when it looks good but you cannot buy a bite.

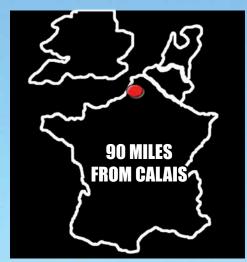
It was getting time for me to pack up, and pretty much everything was on the barrow except the rods and net, when Crackoff (Alex, who is Polish) came wandering into my swim. I suggested that he moved in behind me, as there were fish showing in front of the swim. I told him how far I was fishing, and I managed to drag our conversation out for about 15 minutes, when finally one of the rods was away at last. The fish just stayed deep, using its weight, but came in with no real dramas when Alex slipped the net under the fish for me, and it looked a kipper. It was a fish called Cossack, with the needle stopping at 38lb 10oz. I was over the moon and photos done, I wound in the other rod and was soon heading home with a big grin on my face with the car stinking of success with the wet net and mat. I was back down for the next weekend, still buzzing. On my walk round, I saw a few signs of fish in Dog Bay, so I stuck my bucket in the Slope and then loaded up and got the rods out on a spot I'd caught from the previous season. Crackoff was next door in the Dip, and he informed he'd had a 40 from the Lookout the week before after moving in after me, so a right result. I got the spot baited up with my Crave and particle mix, then had a couple of beers with Crackoff to celebrate the previous week. A couple of hours later, I was helping Crackoff with another lump in the shape of Uno at 42lbs.

During the next day, we could both see clouds kicking up off the



bottom over my bait with the odd show, but I couldn't buy a bite for some reason. As the weekend ticked by, it was getting hotter and hotter, and by Sunday it was now 22 degrees, the hottest day so far. The plateau was calling me; I knew the fish would surely be heading that way. Once a lot of people had packed away around lunchtime, I wound in my rods and grabbed my bucket so I could secure Spindly Tree, which looked out onto the back of the plateau. As I was walking down the north bank, I spotted a group of fish making their way towards the plateau. I didn't want anyone to notice them, so I stopped looking at them and looked straight ahead, nearly running to Spindly to place my bucket in there. I then went back, retrieved the rest of my gear and had a lead about. Silkweed was already growing on the plateau, and I found two small spots at 50 yards that

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were clean. Both were only small, but good enough to present a rig on. I put a small 360-rig, with a size 8 Mugga, a 10mm popup and a small PVA stick of oily and salty goodness out onto the spots, then Spombed out half a kilo of bait over each spot. It was now T-shirt and shorts weather. Throughout the afternoon, I could make out dark shapes mooching about on the plateau area. I got into the bag for an early night, as I had to be out of the gates by 7am so I could make work for 9am.

I was awoken by a single bleep just after 4am. I pulled the bag from my head and sat up for a few minutes watching. I saw a fish roll over my right hand spot, which looked a nice big dark fish. I swung my legs out the bag, put the kettle on and made myself a cuppa. Over the next half hour, I watched a few subtle rolls and bubbling over both spots, illuminated by what was left of the moonlight. I then got back in the bag to try and get

another hour's kip before the alarm was set to get me up. I couldn't really sleep, but just lay there with the sleeping bag over my head, when at 5.30am, the red hanger that was lying on the floor with a slack line was now jammed between the bite alarm and rod blank.

I was soon on it, with the rod in full battle curve above my head. There was a big eruption over the spot and trail of bubbles down into the deep water, kiting to my right. Before I knew it, it all locked up on an unknown snag, and whatever I tried, it was not budging an inch. I tried to wake Vince (a bailiff) in the next swim, but he was out for the count, no doubt dreaming of Horton carp. I just sat there with the rod back on its rest, and after about ten minutes, which seemed like an eternity, there were two bleeps. I picked up the rod, and I could feel a fish on the end again – I was back in contact! The fish hugged the bottom from 50 yards all the way to the margins, bringing up bubbles all the way and going on a few runs as I slowly pumped the weight in.

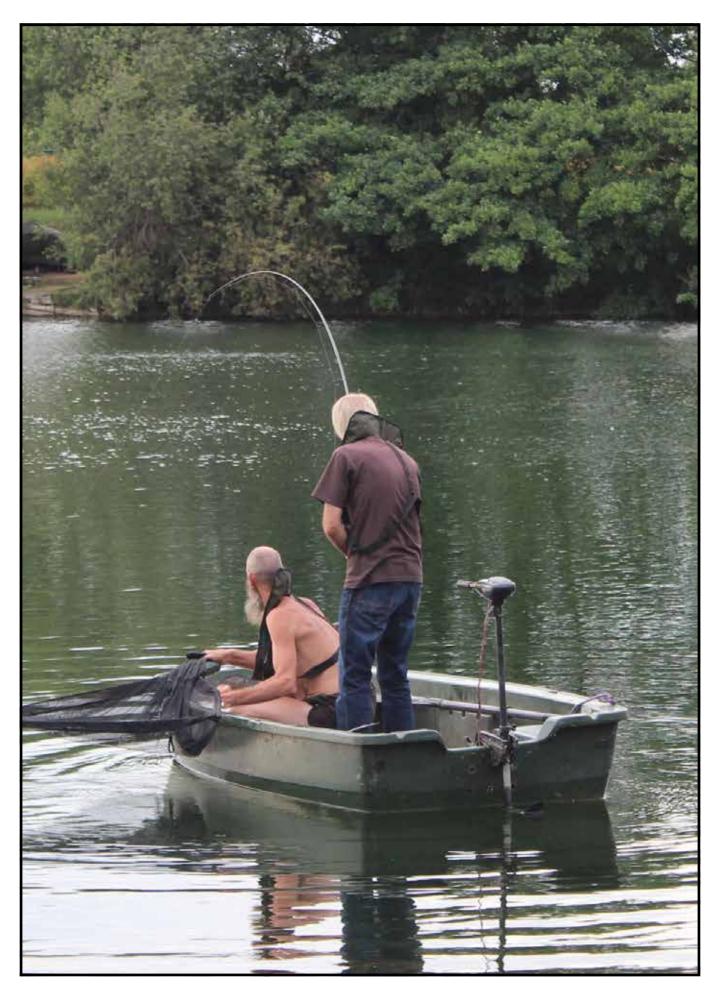
As it got closer to the margins, it would boil on top, hit the bottom, and a sheet of bubbles would come up. It did this on several occasions, and the fish was trying every trick in the book to shed the hook. Finally it started to tire, and I managed to secure the fish into the confines of my net. I peered down and saw this wide back just sitting there. I got everything ready for weighing and photos, then woke Vince from his carp-filled dreams. The scales settled bang on 43lbs, and it turned out to be Hercules, the biggest in the lake at the time after Shoulders and the Parrot had sadly passed away. It was down a little on its previous best weight, but I didn't care. I had my moment with her, thanked her for the memory and then slipped her

back. I then proceeded to catch a couple more from that spot over the next couple of sessions.

I then got distracted that summer on another water, chasing a stunning old mid-40 near linear, and I finally landed the beast in August, but that's a story for another time. Before I knew it, another year had flown by when I renewed my ticket under the new management of RK Leisure. I knew it was going to be my last season, and I was going to do my all to catch as best I could. I dropped my other ticket, so I only had this Horton to concentrate on with no distractions.

I got my season underway from one of my favourites spots in Springate's. I'd been fishing in Shoulders for the two previous nights without a sniff but had watched fish showing out in front of Lookout and Springate's. The angler in Springate's packed up early on Saturday, not long after having a fish, so I wound in my rods and rushed round with a bucket to reserve the swim with another angler just about to do the same behind me – you have to be on the ball on Horton or you can miss out.

I had a little lead around and found a nice firm spot 35 yards out, slightly to the right on the corner to Dog Bay and where I'd seen a lot of the activity earlier in the morning. I placed both rods on the same area and topped it with six Spombs of my usual mix of bait. It remained quiet for the rest of the day, but the following morning during the first hour of light, they started to show over the area again, and just before 7am, the right hand alarm signalled a bite. The fish charged off to my right into Dog Bay, with me having to bury the rod under the surface to stop the fish getting tangled in the marginal snags. Somehow I kept the fish from reaching the angler's lines in the Slope swim and started to make headway. It then kited out



into open water, and I could breathe again. After a couple of minutes, the fish tired and was soon engulfed in the waiting net. On the back we soon recognised the unique scale pattern on one shoulder that look like a bite mark, which gave it its name, Jaws, and it weighed 35lbs. I followed this fish up with a stockie an ounce under 20lbs later in the afternoon on the same spot.

It was now May, and the lake was very busy. I was struggling to get in any areas the fish were in when I arrived on a Friday evening. There are always a couple of swims that get left alone, so I started putting in a little campaign in Phil's Dugout, to the right of the most popular swim, Captors. I had fished here the previous year on a couple of occasions, and found two really nice areas, but it was a little later in the season. The weed was





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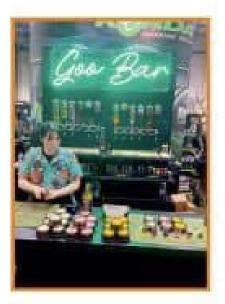
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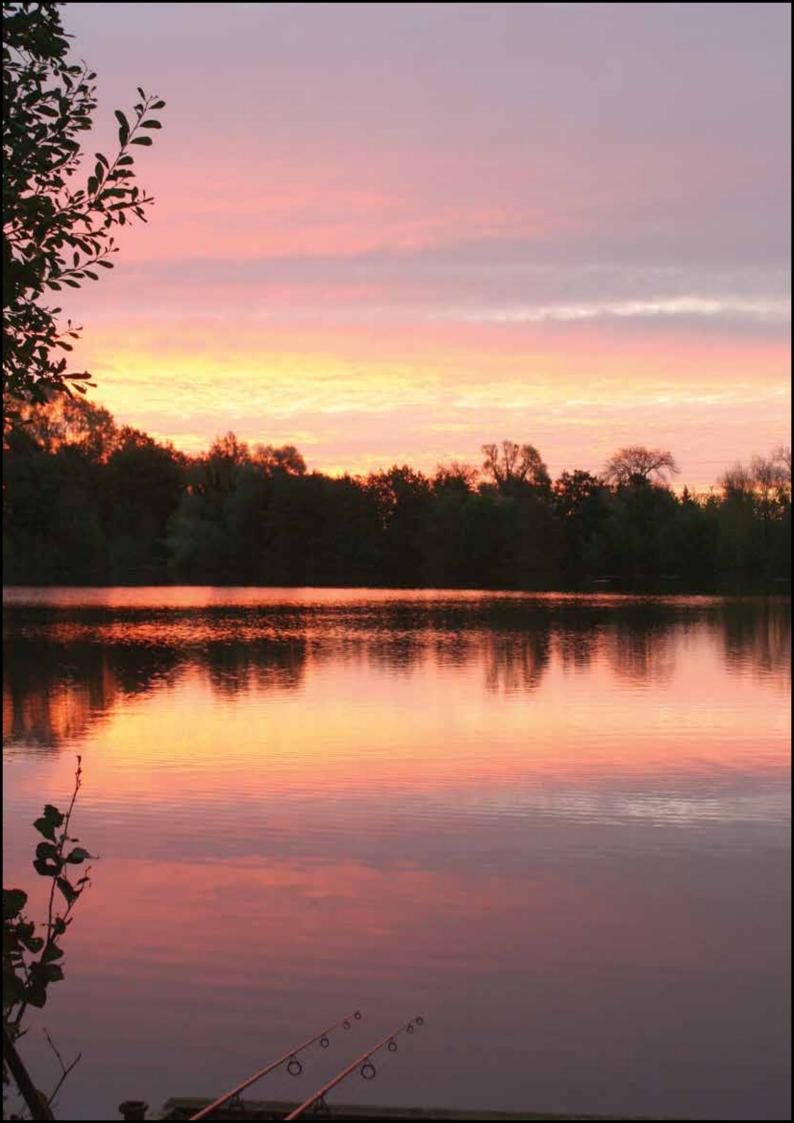
already 12ft high in 14ft of water, so line lay was a problem. I had fish visiting the spots, but I think they were getting spooked by my lines. I started clearing a little channel while I was fishing, but they didn't turn up the following morning before I packed up. Someone else then spotted the fish in there after I had left and came and reaped the rewards, but that is fishing.

So this year I got in there earlier during the month of May, before the weed really got going. I'd been trickling in some bait in the swim on the quiet for a few weeks previously when the lake was at its quietest on a Sunday night. Then on a midweek overnighter, I had a look around, but didn't see anything to go on, so I thought I would give Phil's a go so I could watch to see if anything had been visiting the area. At first light I saw a couple of shows right over one of my rods, but with only two

hours left before I had to be off for work, it didn't happen. While at work, I asked the missus if I could go back down that night. I felt close; it looked really good, and I had not spoken or told anyone. I got the green light and couldn't wait for work to finish.

I arrived at the lake at about seven in the evening, walked round to Phil's, put the barrow down and stood looking out when a fish poked its head out 40 yards straight out in front of the swim. Rubbing my hands, I got everything sorted, put a few Spombs of bait over each spot, and then I could finally sit down on the bedchair and watch the water in front of me. As it was an unpopular swim, it was quite overgrown, and there wasn't that much water you could actually see unless you were standing on the front of the platform. I could see my spot straight out in front, but couldn't quite see my spot to the right from where I was sitting. Eventually the sleep fairies were calling, and I got tucked up for the night.

I then got woken around 4.30am to a fish boshing out. I peered out of my pit to see the ripples moving out from the baited area straight out. I decided to get my new toy out, a GoPro, attached it to a storm pole set behind the rods, hit the record button and hoped I might get a few fish showing on film. Only three or four minutes later and the left hand Neville was screeching for attention. I rushed down to the rod and played the carp on the other end. As with most Horton carp, it stayed deep, moving from right to left, but finally after a few minutes, she was mine, and all caught on film just as the first light of the morning was arriving. I got Tony Owen who was fishing round the corner in Salt Circle to help with weighing and photos. It was a fish called Pebbles, weighing in at 41lbs. You've just



got to love it when the plan pays off. Throughout the next weekend, I was hoping no one dropped in the swim, as I was sure it was going to produce another for me if I kept it quiet. Thankfully on my next visit, I heard that no one had been in there and did a couple more overnighters. I saw a few fish, but no action was forthcoming.

That weekend, I was down as early as possible from work so I could get back in there. I knew it was now or never. I then put ten Spombs of bait over each spot. A few showed on the right hand spot, but nothing on the left hand spot. Then as it got warmer through the morning, the activity died away, and the fish started mooching about in nearby weedbeds. I topped up the right hand spot, fishing snowman rigs on both spots. On the Sunday morning, it came alive in front of me, and for the next three or so hours, fish after fish crashed and rolled over the spots, mainly on the right hand spot. I had a small occurrence early on around 5am, but it didn't develop, and I left the rig where it was for fear of spooking them. A few folks popped by, wondering what was going on, and so was I. The late Del came round and had a laugh with me, as I just couldn't work out why I hadn't had a bite with more than 50 shows in front of me and fizzing and bubbling over both areas.

At midday, I decided to get in my bag and ignored them. I'd had enough, and that seemingly did the trick, as just before 3pm, the left hand rod burst into life. I could tell it was a powerful fish straight away, and it charged off to my left. It took out both his lines, and then his marker float disappeared from view – it was like a scene from Jaws! Wayne the bailiff ran round telling the angler to open up his spools, and if he hadn't, I would have lost it for sure. After a quite a battle, and the

enough, we somehow bundled the fish into the net, but only just. Wayne and I estimated it at around the 40-ish mark. With a little crowd and everything ready, I hoisted her up, and I knew instantly she was bigger than Pebbles I'd caught the previous week. The scales registered 49lb 4oz, a new UK personal best for me. Then we realised it was Fingers, the new queen of the lake, taking over from Hercules. After lot of back-slapping and handshakes, we returned her.

Phil's suddenly got a lot of attention, and I couldn't get back in there for the next two weeks. Then in July, I achieved for me an awesome result of two 31lb commons in the shape of Thick-Tailed and Springate's in the space of an hour. Commons are rare in Horton, especially to have two of them, and old ones at that, in the space of an hour. As it goes sometimes, I lost a third bite the following morning to hook pull, and it felt like another good fish. A good sized weedbed started forming in Church Bay that summer, and so a few of us were fishing either Springate's or Entrance, to the edge of the weedbed.

My first session in the Entrance, I got it wrong but didn't know it until I came to pack up on the Sunday. Fish had been in the area feeding, but all I got was liners. In retrieving my rigs on packing away, one got caught in some weed a rod length out, and after a couple of casts, It became clear that there was a narrow weed bed stretching out in front of the swim, roughly 12ft high in 15ft of water. I just couldn't quite see it at the time, as I was fishing that far out, so my line angle must have been poor.

I was unable to get back in the swim for another two months, although I did catch a 35lb mirror during this time. The conditions looked really good for the Entrance, with a nice



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gentle southeasterly blowing into Church bay. It was also still available when I arrived, and I could see three fish in the weedbed, so I placed my bucket in the swim and collected my gear from the lodge. There was a nice, firm spot half way between Entrance and Heart Tail swims at just under 40 yards. I put both rods on the same spot and baited up with seven Spombs of bait. At first light, there was bubbling over the area and it looked bang on for a bite. Just after 7am, the hanger that was resting on the floor was pulled to the top with an angry fish on the end. The fish really beat me up and tried several times to get in the weedbed and to my right into the marginal snags. I was relieved when it finally started to tire, allowing us to net the fish. It was one I really liked and hoped to catch, a dark fish called Scully, a few pounds down in weight at a fraction over 37lbs, but I didn't care. Later that afternoon, once the fish returned to the weedbed, I baited with another eight Spombs of bait. Half were 15mm whole and broken up Crave boilies and half a mix of Mixed Particles and chopped tigers. The rods were back out mid-afternoon, ready for the next morning's feeding period. A couple of mates turned in the evening and had a few beers with me, and we noticed some bubbling on the bait already. They left me to it, and I sat on the bedchair glued to the spot, occasionally getting a close view with the binos, watching the bubbling moving about.

I was sitting there with a tinny in my hand when suddenly the alarm was one-toning once again. The fish weeded me up on its first run, but as it was September, the weed was starting to die, and I managed to keep the fish and weed





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moving towards me. At no point did the fish do anything; this huge ball of weed surfaced under my rod tip, and I scooped the lot up into the net. Initially I thought the fish was gone. I starting pulling clumps of weed out of the net, and then suddenly I touched the back of a carp, and there was a huge explosion in the net as the fish tried to bolt. Somehow, I managed to grab hold on the handle and keep the fish from escaping. The light was fading now I got everything sorted and grabbed a nearby angler to assist with the photos. The scales read 43lb 8oz, and it was Uno, a right old character fish, so I was over the moon.

I usually go on a week's trip to the Belgian canals during October, but as I knew this was my last season, I chose to do the week on Horton instead, and what a good choice it was. I moved around a lot early into the session, chasing my own tail as it were, but finally got it together towards the end of the week and caught a few fish, the biggest being the Little Leather at over 38lbs from the margins of the Royal Box in Dog Bay, but it was the capture of Sid from Captor's that rounded up my season for me. It doesn't come out as often as the other fish in the lake, and as it's one of the last originals from the Longfield stocking, and at just under 37lbs, I was truly made up. After a few more sessions, I had a couple more fish from the Entrance swim, including a repeat capture of Scully at 38lbs from the same spot. I have to say, it was one of the best places I've fished with the banter, the lodge socials and camaraderie amongst the anglers on the lake, but it was time to close those Horton gates for the last time for me.

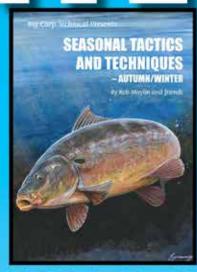


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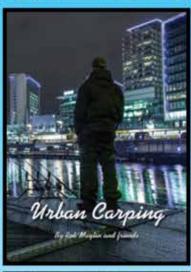


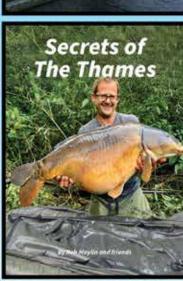


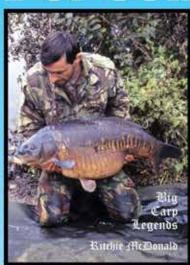


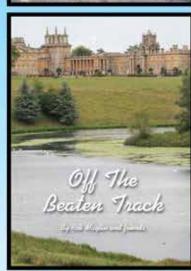


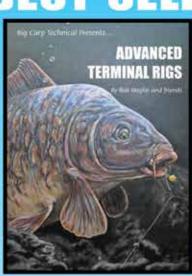
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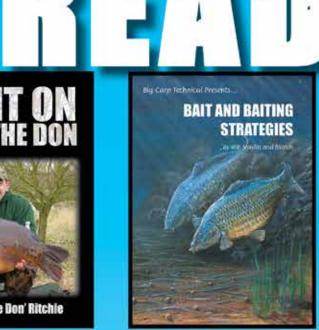


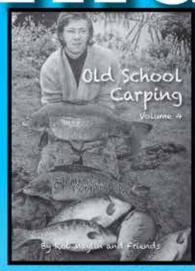






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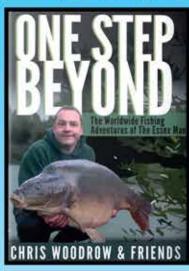


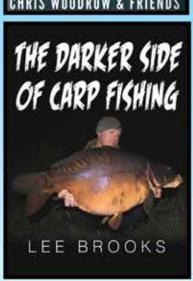


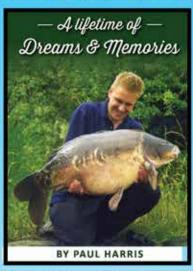


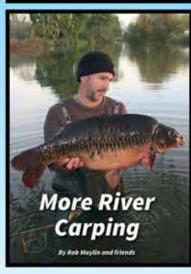
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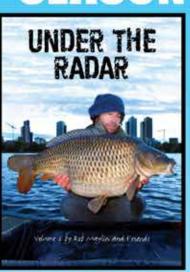


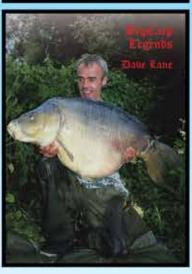




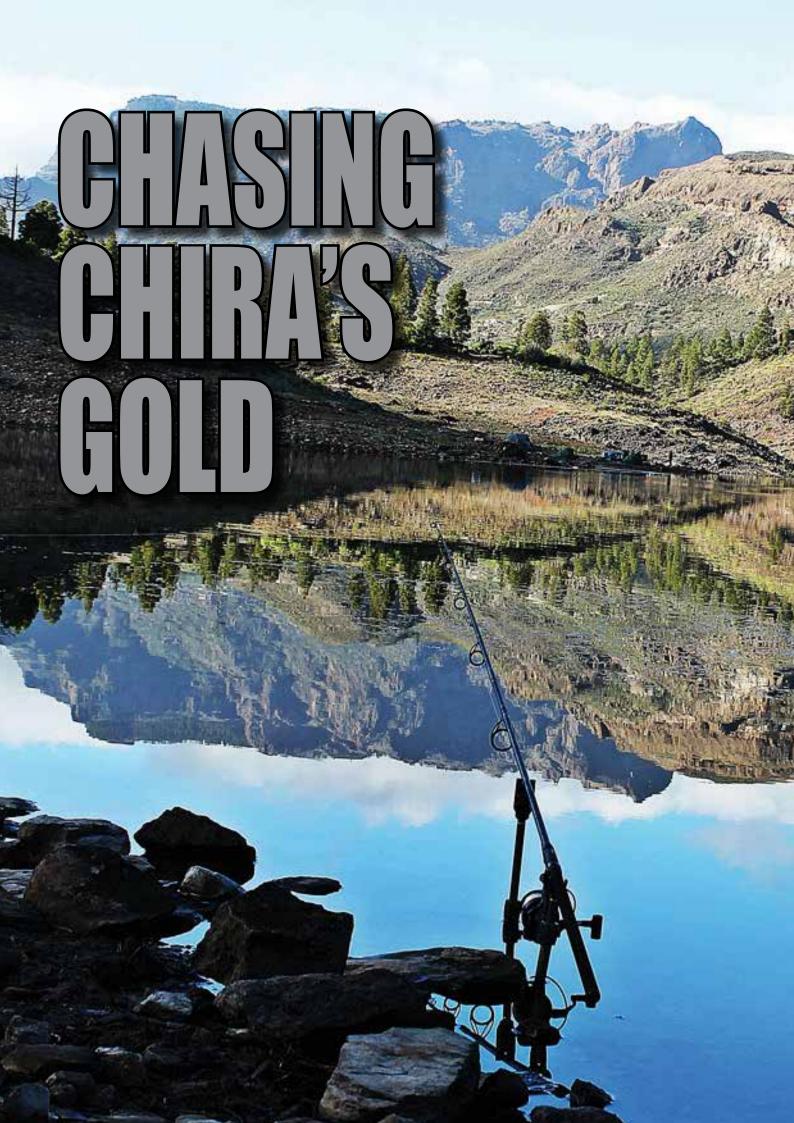








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It had been three years since my last trip to Lake Chira in Gran Canaria, and I looked forward to it with eager anticipation. It was around about August 2017 when I was in contact with Alison Beecham of Carp Gran Canaria. They were doing some advertising in Big Carp magazine, and I really fancied a trip out there in the half term school holidays in the last week of October. Not only is this week my birthday week, but Max is on school holidays, and it's nice to go fishing somewhere with a warmer climate at that time of the year. I was so pleased I chose Carp Gran Canaria for my trip this year. I heard great reports of David and Alison Beecham, an English couple who had moved out to Gran Canaria about 15 years ago and started their business high up in the mountains overlooking the dammed Lake Chira. Most of you reading this will already know about these fantastic fish that live in this particular

lake, every one a beautiful scaly perfect carp, fully scaled linears and the most incredible carp stock on the planet in my opinion. Although the fish are not huge by today's standards, they make up for this in the quantity and the quality of the fish.

Just to give you a little bit of background about this lake and others in Gran Canaria, David Beecham has actually been fishing out in Gran Canaria for around about twenty-five years, not only on Lake Chira but quite a few of the other lakes on the island. There is a certain amount of mystery about these lakes, as very few of them have received much angling pressure. David holds the Canary Island record for carp, which was a 55lb 2oz common caught a while ago from a very special venue on the island, no doubt holding much larger carp. It's just finding the time to fish the different lakes, as David is very busy running his business on the island. He's had numerous forty-pounders from different lakes on the island with mirrors to forty-nine pounds from another venue and several forties to forty-six pounds from Lake Chira.

So they are out there, but it's just a matter of getting through the large stock of twenties and thirties that these lakes hold, and to be honest it's very difficult to single out larger fish. However, that's not why I go on these holiday trips. My family and I work very hard throughout the year, and we look upon this as a family holiday and we want to get some action. We don't want to be sitting there waiting for a bite, even if it's going to be a big one at the end of the week. We would much rather be catching lots of fish of good quality and a decent size, and that's what you get at Lake Chira. It really is a fantastic fishery, and I would recommend it to anybody.



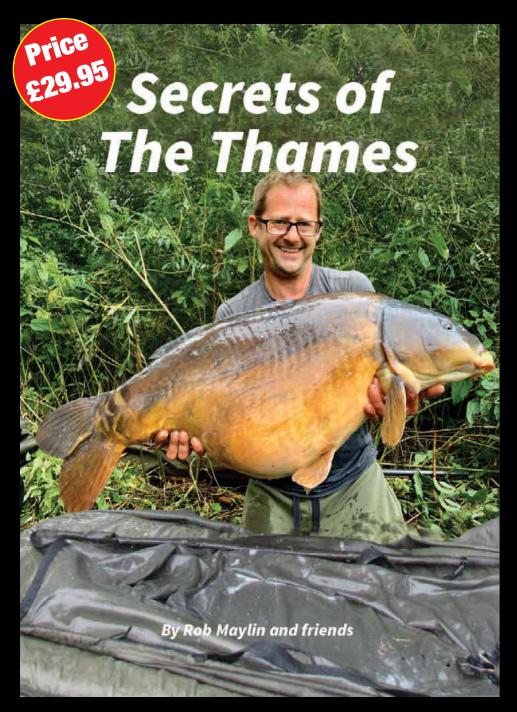


The weather while we were out there in the last few days of October and the first few days of November 2017 was thirty-degree temperatures every day with beautiful sunshine, and we came home with a nice suntan. David and Alison made us feel really welcome, and we've made two new really good friends. David and Alison live in the village close to the lake, a tiny village right up in the mountains. When you think of Gran Canaria, you don't think of mountains; it's famous for its beaches, Mas Palomas and Puerto Rico, but of course it's a volcanic island. Inland there are huge mountain ranges with spectacular views down into the valleys and chasms. The roads are not for the faint hearted I might add – really winding and bendy, and I'm not a great passenger to be honest. I mean; it's just spectacular scenery.

Carp Gran Canaria is the only carp fishing company in Gran Canaria that offers guided fishing tours daily for people who are staying in the holiday resorts or in apartments or hotels. You can book for a day trip, and David or his son or one of his guides actually comes down in the morning, picks you up from the hotel first thing and drives you up into the mountains. Everything is laid on for you; I mean, really, there is nothing for you to do all. The tackle is all there and the bait is all there, using top of the range Nash Tackle. He's sponsored by Nash, and also uses the bait. He has two areas of the lake that he keeps baited all the time, one being an area down to the left hand side towards the dam, which is used for overnight camping trips. His is the only company to offer legal camping rights on Lake Chira, and there are several bivvies down there all set up with the tackle and everything.

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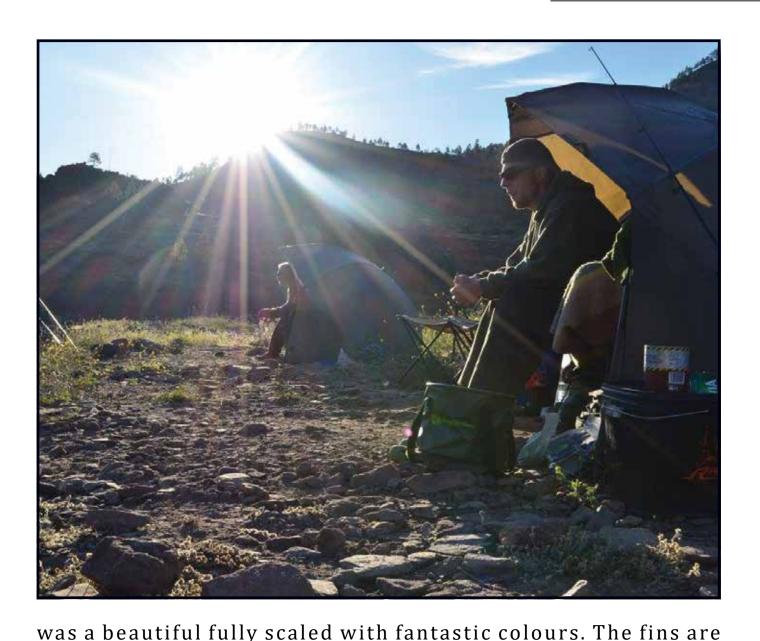


easy, as carp fishing can be fickle, but you're almost guaranteed to catch numerous fish every day. Down by the dam end there is the camping area for those who want to be on the bank twenty-four hours a day, fishing for a week or so, and then further up to the right hand side of the lake he has a separate area, which is uses for his day sessions, which is very popular. I was quite surprised that David and Allison told me they were going to take a few days off with us so that they could have some fun and have a bit of a party while we were out there. They did they have a house down in Puerto Rico as well, right down in one of the tourist beach areas, and I will get to that in a moment. Let's just carry on telling you about the day fishing area. He may have three, four or five people per day come up with him, and all the tackle's there – Nash Scope



rods, the new Nash reels and plenty of bait as well. He makes up a special groundbait too with all sorts of stuff in there and his old faithful Tangerine Dream 20mm boilies that these fish absolutely love. I used them myself and haven't used Nash bait for a long while, but it just goes without saying you may as well use the stuff that they are fed every day. It's pointless taking your own stuff really, as these fish just love it.

I went on several of his organised day trips just as a spectator to see the other anglers fishing. There were anglers from the UK and from all over Europe, including a lovely couple from Germany, and everybody caught. You can either have your own set of rods or you can be part of the team and take it in turn on the bites. Everybody had numerous fish on one of the trips I went on – no monsters, but fish of high 20s, and each one



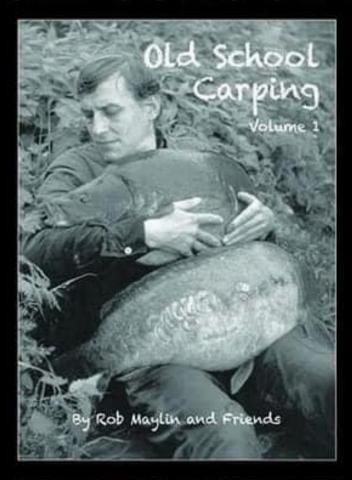
orange and red and gold, and hey are really beautiful fish. These day trips are in conjunction with their own tour operator, which is Thomas Cook. They are offering the day excursions, and you can get them online. I will put all of the details at the end of the article for Gran Canaria because I'm sure a lot of you will want to book a trip, especially for winter carping right through from October to March when it's chilly here. Who doesn't like a bit of sunshine, a bit of action and plenty of bites? Whether you're on holiday with the family down at one of the holiday resorts and you just want to go for a day or a couple of day trips during your holiday or you want to book

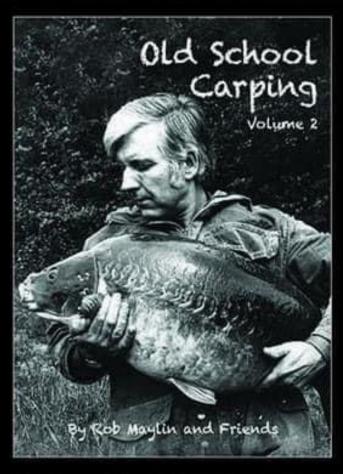
one of the proper twenty-four hour longer bivvied up type holidays, Dave sorts you out with all the bait all the tackle and everything, so it couldn't be better really. Also on the day trips, Dave does all the donkeywork – he actually rows the baits out and drops them on his baited areas. He knows exactly where to put a bit of his groundbait and Tangerine Dreams over the side. He fishes it so much he knows the bite times as well and can more or less tell you when the bites are going to start and when they're going to stop. It's great fun; it really is.

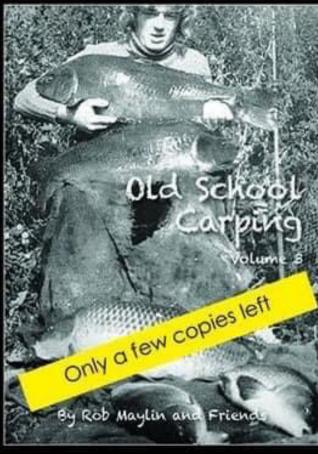
Now there is lots to do on Gran Canaria other than just carp fishing, and one of the other trips that David and Alison organise are sea fishing day trips. The deep-sea fishing on

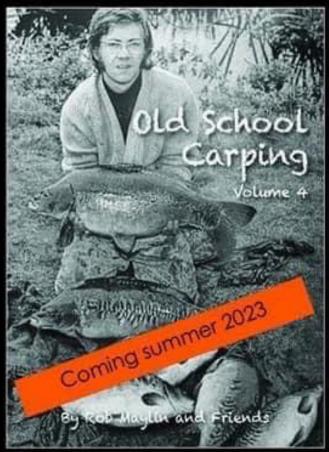


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Gran Canaria is spectacular – there are all sorts of big sea fish out there including marlin. Not that everyone who goes out there catches a marlin; don't get me wrong, but there are plenty of other good sea fish. After all, who doesn't like a bit of sea fish freshly caught and cooked? You can't beat it! So, you can have a day sea fishing and a day carp fishing, all booked at the same time and spread out over the holiday.

When we booked the trip, I was chatting to Alison, mainly on Facebook, and she said they would take a few days off and have a bit of a holiday with us. Our trip went basically like this: We were picked up from the airport and went back to their little place up in the mountains. I mean, wow... it's such a picturesque little country villa. They had chickens, so we had fresh eggs for breakfast. The food out there is fantastic; everything is so fresh. There are about forty-odd people living in the little village, and of course Dave is a bit of a celebrity in the town. Everybody knows him; he's the mad Englishman who brings people fishing. God knows what they think about it really, but they love him – everybody loves Dave out in Gran Canaria!

There is a little bar in the village, and we went there on two or three occasions for a drink. All the locals turn up, and we had a BBQ. They all bring their guitars along, and what a party! They really made us feel welcome – lovely, friendly people all singing along to their guitars and eating some good food off the BBQ. There were great big prawns at a fraction of the price that you would pay here. There are some nice restaurants too in San Bartholomé, which is just down the mountain track. We went out for dinner a couple of times up in the mountains and had some superb fillet steak, and again the price just

unbelievable compared to the UK. We also had a couple of days out down on the beach in Puerto Rico, and wow... What's not to like about having a bit of sunshine in November, lying on the beach and having some nice food? There are restaurants stretching along the seafront, and we had a few beers and a few cocktails as well later on in the afternoon and a little swim with Max. He loved it!

We haven't really spoken about the fishing yet. It's just spectacular fishing, and you don't have to try too hard. Thats the thing – with being here you don't have to be there every minute of the day trying your hardest. We went fishing the irst day we got there, and I think we turned up about eleven o'clock in the morning to fish through to four or five in the afternoon. Dave told us this was the going time at the moment, getting all the bites on the day trips. Literally within ten or





fifteen minutes of casting out we were into the first fish of the day, and we spent the whole afternoon catching one after another, taking it in turns on the rods. Max he really came into his own on this trip. He's ten years old – just the right age to be handling these Scope rods on his own. He was striking the fish on his own, playing the fish on his own, and on the first day, he smashed his PB with a nice twenty-four and a half pounder, a beautiful scaly fish.

I've got photos for this piece for Dave's fifty-five pound island record common – that shot of him in the little white singlet – and there are a couple of forties from Lake Chira in the blue T-shirt with his glasses on his head – two different forty-pounders, both forty-six pounders from Lake Chira, and lots of photos of Max and me and other guys on the day trips who caught fish. We didn't have any monsters; the biggest we had

was twenty-nine or something like that, but it was great fishing nevertheless. I think the week before there had been lots of thirty-pounders out, but we were just unlucky. Well, I say unlucky... but you can't pick which ones you catch. Dave was telling us all three rods went off at the same time, which is not uncommon on there, and a three of them had thirty pounders – 36, 37 and a 38. So if a shoal of the bigger ones move in, then that's what you are going to catch.

On our first trip down there, we went to the beach and partied and went to the BBQ. We had some really good times with David. I've got to tell you they are a lovely couple, they really are, and it definitely won't be the last time that my family and I will go out there. We made a couple of lifelong friends there, I'm sure. Dave is very much of same



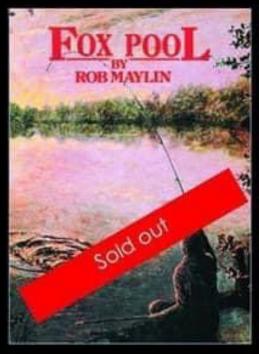
temperament as me, and he's been fishing for a long while. He's in his fifties now, and when he was in the UK as a young man, he was fishing on the Kent lake with Martin Locke and became great friends with Martin and that crew down on the Darenth Lakes. He's still in contact with them now and goes back the UK every now and again to meet up with all the boys for a party. What a lovely guy, and his wife is lovely too.

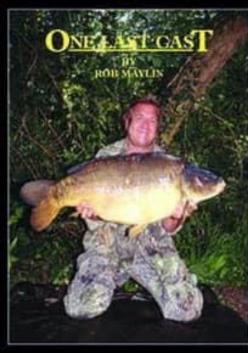
We had a couple of days on the beach and then back to the fishing once again. We just went for the afternoon and sat down there with a little packed lunch with the day ticket anglers. They get ham and cheese rolls and couple of beers to drink as well. We just sat down there in the sun, taking turns on the rods once again. Max had a nice nineteen and three-quarter, the second biggest one he had ever caught, and quite a few mid doubles up to mid-twenties – all good fun. Really a week wasn't long enough to be honest, and it seemed to be going slowly when we first got out there. We weren't in a rush to do anything, waking up in the mountains... it's really quiet and beautiful with the view from where they live.

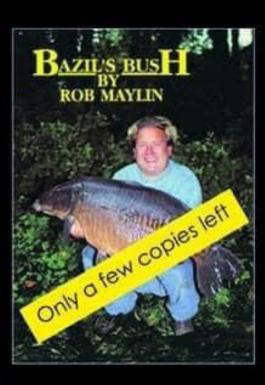
They have actually got another house that they rent out for holidays. It's got a swimming pool, and we went there one day. It's a nice place with four-poster beds. You can rent this and wives can stay there. There's a lovely kitchen, a lovely BBQ area outside and a nice swimming pool. There are fantastic views once again. We were taking it easy and not in a rush to do anything – a couple of days at the beach, a couple of days fishing, and before you know it the holiday came to an end and it was back to normal life. We got off the

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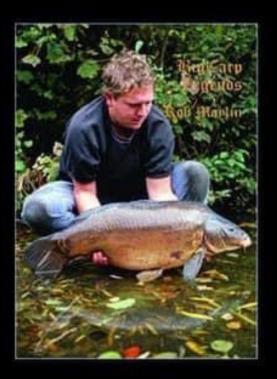
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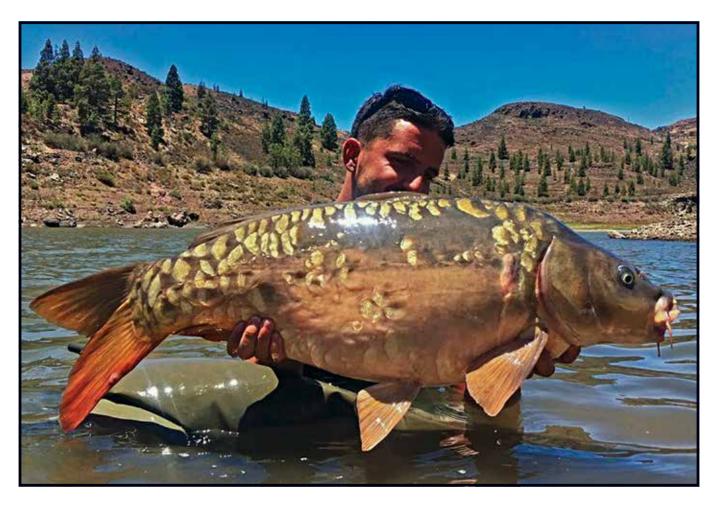
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plane at Gatwick to minus two after thirty degrees for the last week, and it was quite a shock. As I'm writing this now, I've got a horrible cold that I've caught since I got back here. We had another lovely day out there... Flo, Max and I decided the we would climb up one of the mountains. There are some easy tracks - some recommended walkways and paths, and we were out for several hours climbing up to the top of one of these mountains. It just took our breath away to be up there, with ospreys flying around and eagles and hoopoes the bird life is fantastic! What a wonderful life this couple have, living out there in real paradise. The scenery when you are sitting on the lake is unlike anywhere in the world I've ever fished before. It's set right at the top of the mountains with some other mountains around it. The ospreys fly down from the mountaintops to the lake to feed and perch opposite you on the rocky outcrops, looking down for any fish that might be swimming by. It really is beautiful.

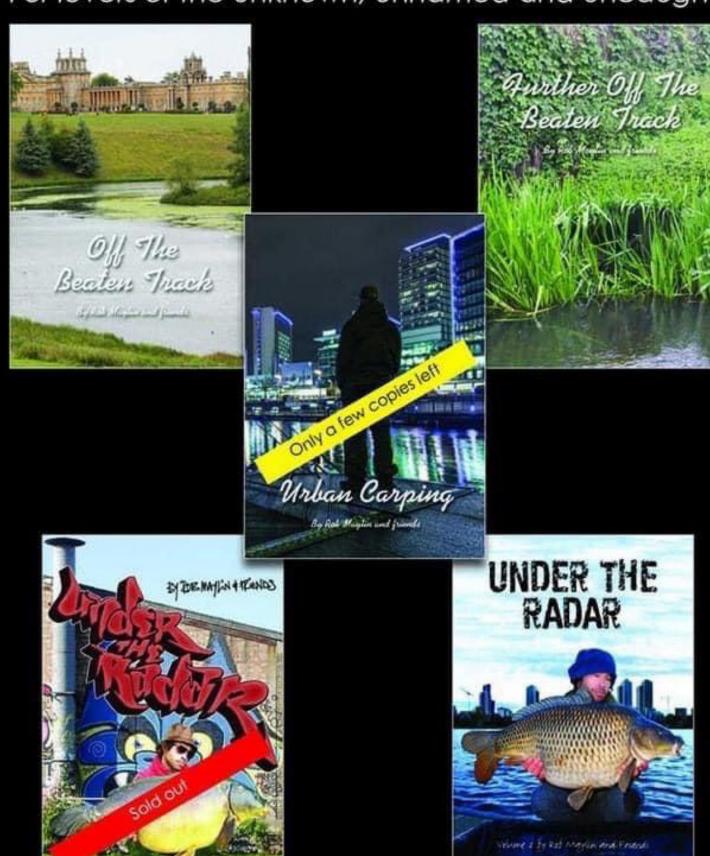
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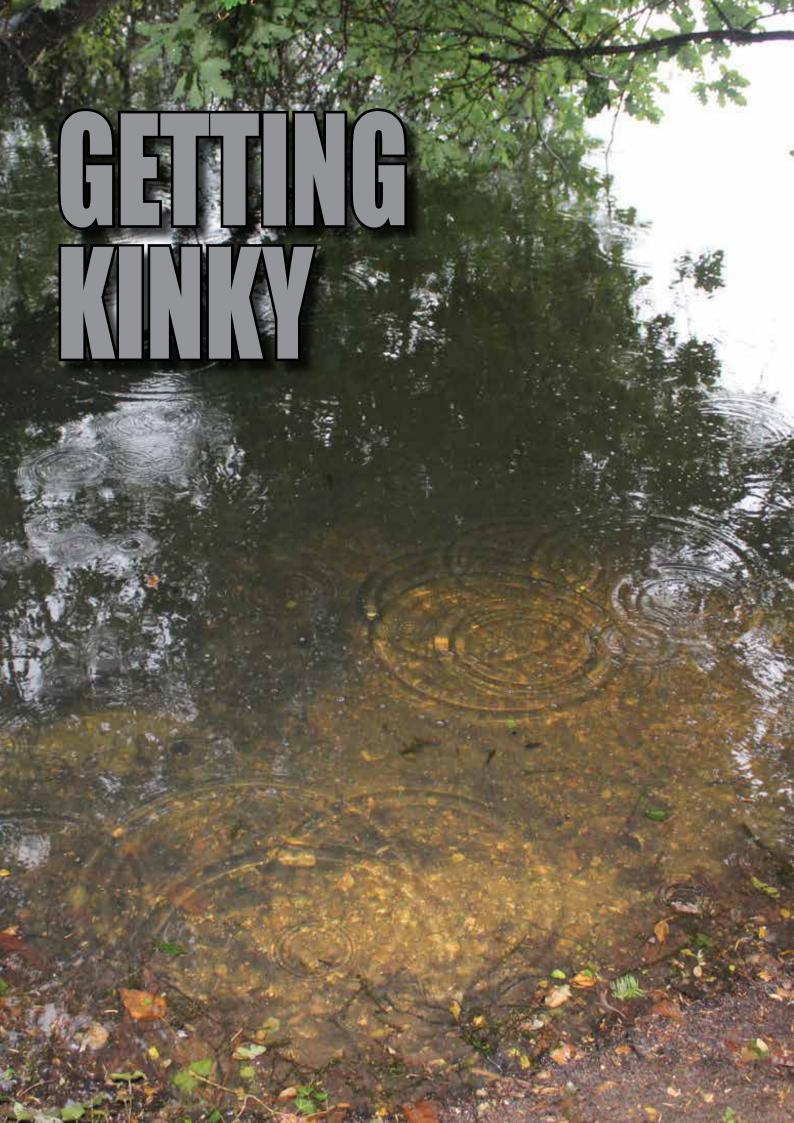
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Ye been baiting a spot on the Car Park Lake at Yateley for a while with pellet and crushed boilie. The fish have been in there clearing the spot, but this weekend when I crawled under the tree to bait up, one of last year's stockies was there having a munch-up. As I stood there a foot from the water, I was able to watch him, and eventually another three smaller fish moving in and out from the tree cover, and all happily feeding away.

I shot back to my swim, set up my six-footer and crawled back to the spot. After waiting for the fish to move off it, I

#### **Michael Whitney**

I was fishing over a bed of Sticky Bloodworm pellets and red maggots. My rig was baited with an Evolution Carp Tackle Red Maggot Cluster and a few real maggots on top. Hiding behind a tree with the rod vertical and the tip just out of the water, I tightened up the line, locked up the spool as much as I dared, and waited for the stockies to return.

But they didn't... three larger fish now came in from under the canopy, all around the 30 mark. I could see my bait on the floor, and they were moving back and forth, hoovering as they went, and I tensed up on the rod. At this moment I heard a rustle from behind. Charlie had popped his head though looking for spots. "Pssssst! Sshhhhhh! Come here."

Both of us were in shock as we watched two even bigger lumps approach in the crystal clear Yateley water, and we could spot named fish now all feeding. After a while I noticed that the two bigger fish were not coming near where my rig was placed, and I put it down to them being that much bigger that they just weren't comfortable coming into the shallower section. I took a gamble and quietly swung the rig back out into the deeper water.

This time around it was just the two big girls that came back in. I was shaking now with excitement and fear every time they approached the rig. After just a couple of passes, the whole spot went black as both fish covered our view. With that, before I even knew what was happening, my rod was bent double! I gave as much as I could to stop the initial run, and after a couple of turns of the handle, the fish popped its head above the water. One last lift of the rod, and she flopped back towards us. I just about gained two feet of line when Charlie

# **Michael Whitney**





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my hero came in from nowhere with my NSR and swooped her into the net.

After a fist bump, a hand shake, and a man hug, I zipped up the net while Charlie wet the mat. Being as it was so dark under the canopy, we couldn't be sure which fish it was. Only when I took the weight of the sling to lift her out did I first get the feeling that this could be a bit special. As we peeled back the NSR, we knew straight away.

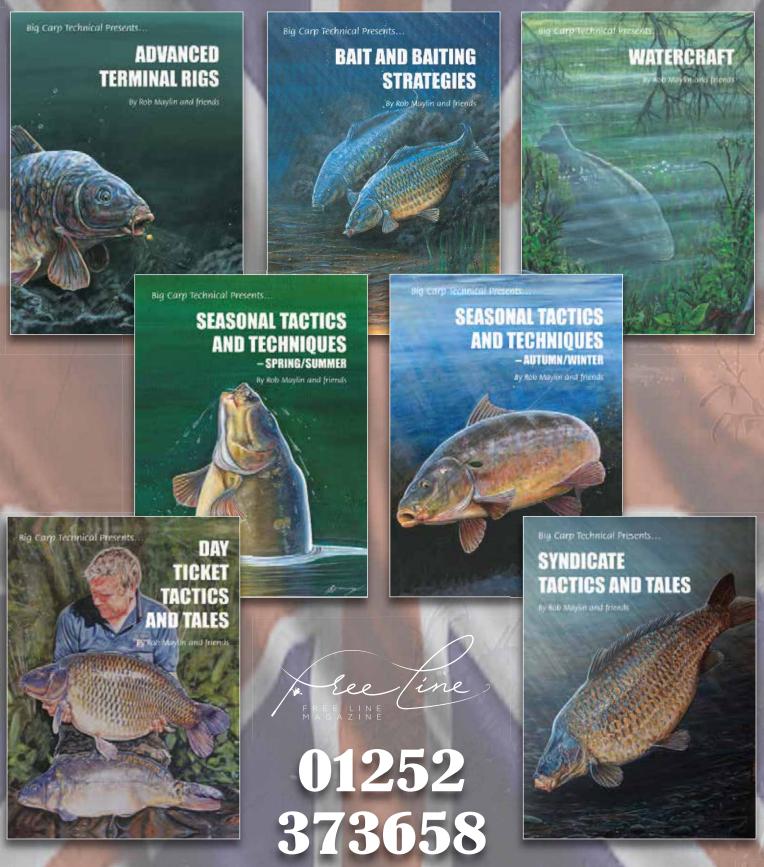
"It's Kinkyback!". At 41lbs, it was gorgeous in summer colours, and in mint condition.

This is hands down the most amazing moment of my fishing life. To stalk a fish from the Car Park is something you dream about, and for it to be a 40lb'er on a 6ft rod... I don't know how I'll top it.



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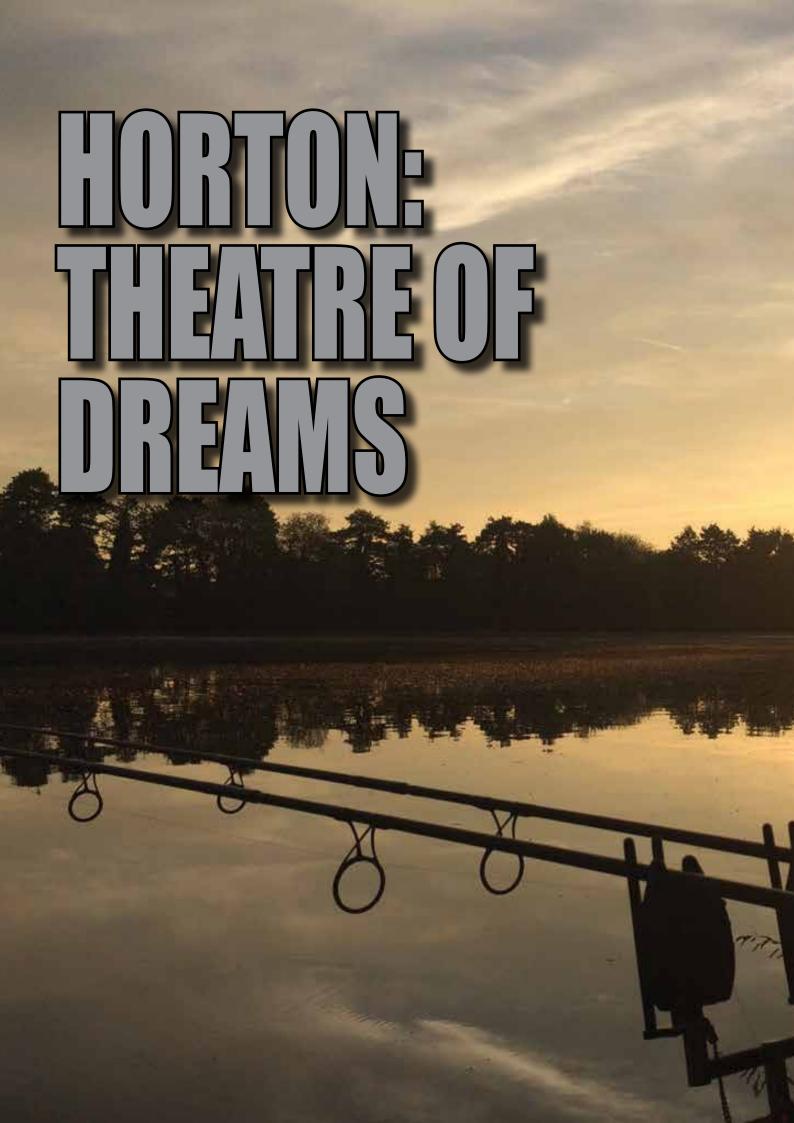
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a membership on a decent venue. After catching my target fish from a local syndicate I was keen to move on. I had the opportunity to get an RK Leisure gold card, which would give me access to five lakes – Horton Boat Pool, Horton Church Lake, Kingsmead 1, Crayfish Pool and Kingsmead Island Lake – plenty to get my teeth stuck into, and I was buzzing to get started.

I chose to stick to one lake, the famous iconic Horton Church Lake with its exceptional facilities and modern lodge, it's very secure. Due to work commitments, I couldn't start until late April. I arrived at the lake on the 20th April early with my brother who also had secured a ticket to do a three-night session. The lake was quite busy, and after a walk round and introducing myself to a few other members, we decided to go on the north bank. I was in a swim called the Blank. After a little leading about, I found a nice clean spot in a silty area of the lake at 13 wraps, got the rods out and sat back to take it all in and give myself a little pinch to make sure I wasn't dreaming...

I got an early night so I could be up at first light to see anything showing, as they like to show a bit early morning in the Church Lake. My brother came down to me and told me the bloke in the swim next to me, Chris, who has become a good friend, had one in the net, and it was a unit. We went down to see, and he had a fish called Fingers at 51lbs. I was totally amazed and said to my brother, "That's a target fish if ever I saw one! I wouldn't mind getting my hands on that one day!"

Whilst the photos were being done, my left hand rod was away, and I was connected to my first Horton Church Lake carp. After a dogged battle in the deep margins, I slipped the net round my first Horton carp, and I was over the moon. I got the rod back on the spot and weighed the fish. It went 34lb, a fish called Big C. Boom! First blood on a new water. Within half an hour the left hand rod was away again, and I soon had my second fish in the net, probably the smallest carp in the pond, a beautiful scaly mirror known as Son of Wallace at 15lb 8oz and one for the future. The evening came, and we had a great barbecue with Chris to celebrate his first UK 50-plus.

The next morning I was up early again and saw a good few shows on my spot. At 8am, my right hand rod was away, and I slipped the net round another Church Lake carp, a fish called Dave at 32lb – unbelievable! I was just getting the rod sorted to go back out when my left hand rod was away, and I soon had my fourth fish in the net, a fish called Iris at 32lb. The next day was a bit quiet, and I had no shows in my swim, but I packed up a very happy chap.

I managed to return a week later and found myself in a swim





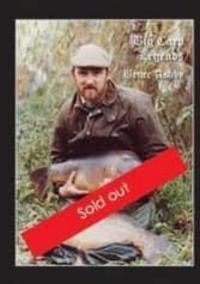


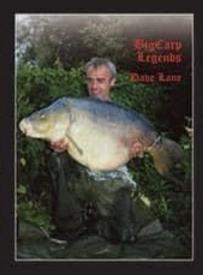


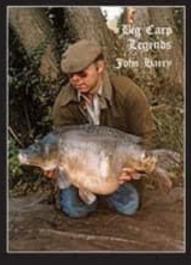
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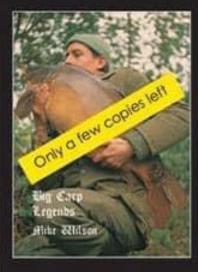


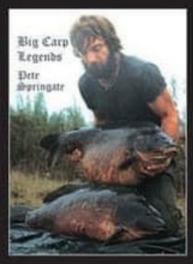


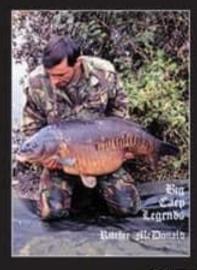


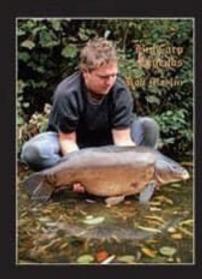


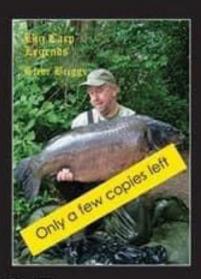












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called the Left Pallets for a 48-hour session, which turned out to be unproductive, and I blanked. After a couple of weeks, I was back to have a social session with my brother who was already there. On arrival, the lake was very busy, and I nearly went onto one of the other lakes but decided to set up next to my brother in a swim called the Sick. I found a couple of spots, got the rods out and baited up with 2kg of 15mm Mainline Cell. That evening we had a barbecue with a couple of the regular lads.

The next morning I was woken as my right hand rod went into meltdown, and I was soon connected to an angry, powerful fish. After a decent battle, I had a very special carp in the net, one of the Longfield originals known as Blacktail, over 40 years old and a rare visitor to the bank. It went 38lb 12oz, a true history fish. I was blown away – what an epic carp and the only fish of the session.

Due to work and family commitments I wasn't able to get back to the lake for a couple of weeks. I decided to go back in the same swim that I caught Blacktail, but after two nights without a bite, I decided to move to an area where I had seen fish showing earlier that morning. I settled in a swim called the Reedy and found a hard clean spot at 16 wraps, so I decided to change my rigs, and soon had two stiff hinge rigs on the spot. The night came and went, and whilst I was having a slow pack up my left had rod pulled up tight. As I walked up to the rod, it was away, and I soon had another Church Lake mirror in the net, a fish called Sumo at 34lb and a welcome blank saver.

The next time I managed to get down was during my both my daughters' school half term, and they both wanted to









come fishing with me. We arrived at the lake, and it wasn't too busy. The sun was shining, and it was due to be very hot weather over the next few days. I decided to set up near to the lodge where my girls could be near the toilet and showers and big TV in case they got bored. I set the bivvy up with a double airbed for them, and I slept on the bedchair just outside under the stars.

On the second morning, I was up early having a brew whilst the girls slept. At 7am, I had an absolute screamer on the right hand rod, and I was connected to hard fighting carp. After about ten minutes, I had my first Church Lake common in the net. There aren't many commons in the lake, so I was made up to have netted one, especially as my daughters were with me. On the scales she went 31lb 8oz and was a fish called Odd Scale, which doesn't get caught that often. We did the photos with my girls involved as well. To have them with me was special and a memory they won't forget – lovely times indeed.

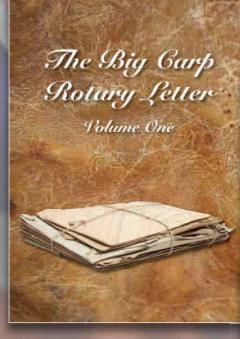
I got back down a week or so later and opted to go in a swim called Right Hand Pallets, as it had done a few fish recently. After a bit leading about, I found a silty area at 18 wraps. I changed my rigs and fished chods in this area, as it wasn't too clean. I baited up with 4kg of Mainline Cell and felt quite confident. The next morning, my right hand rod was away, and I soon had my first Horton 40 in the net, a fish called Uno at 42lb 12oz – I was over the moon. I wound in and treated myself with a visit to Fat Boy's cafe just around the corner, which has become a bit of a regular thing. After a bit of a social and a few games of pool in the lodge, I was soon back in my swim with the rods both on the spots before dark.



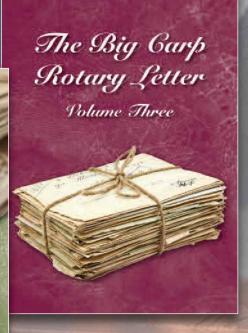


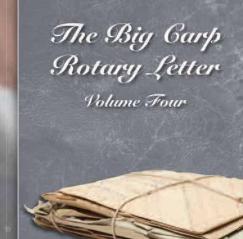
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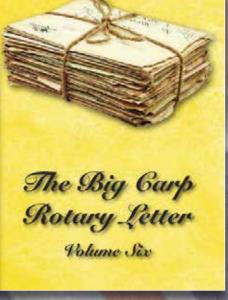












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The next morning, I was woken by a belter on the right hand rod again and had my first repeat capture, Iris at 32lb. I wasn't too bothered to have a repeat, as you can't select which one takes the hookbait. I got the rod back out, but it went a bit quiet for the rest of the day. The next morning, I was up early, as I had to be home by lunchtime at 7.30am, my left hand rod pulled up tight, and I was in again. After a decent scrap, I netted my second Church Lake 40 in the shape of a fish called Guzzler at 40lb 12oz. Unreal – two 40s in one session! I left that day completely buzzing.

I returned the following weekend for a 48-hour session and managed to get back in the same swim. It wasn't fishing too



well, and I was struggling a bit. On my last morning, I was sitting there wishing I had moved the previous day when my right hand rod leapt into life, and I was into my eleventh Horton carp, a beautiful scaly mirror aptly named Stardust at 35lb 8oz, and another blank saver. I was totally amazed at how well my first season on the venue was going. After that I had a couple of sessions where I couldn't get back in the same area and couldn't seem to get amongst the fish. It was late August and the weather had been consistently hot. When I next got back down, I managed to get back in the swim that had been kind to me. The next morning, I got a call it from a friend called Tony who had caught a big catfish weighing 102lb and needed help with the pictures. It was 6.30am, and I was a bit reluctant to wind in at bite





time, but he was a good friend with a PB catfish and lake record, so I wound in and did the honours. I had to go to the shop for a few supplies and a quick trip to Fat Boy's café, and by midday I was back in my swim with the rods back out. I was having a bit of an afternoon siesta when out of the blue my left hander was in meltdown. After a dogged battle, I had my third Horton 40 in the net, a fish called Chips at 40lb 12oz – unreal, and good bit of karma for winding in at bite time, I thought. It was the only fish of the session, and my season seemed to be rolling on.

I had a bit of work on and wasn't able to get back to the pond until early September for three nights and was fortunate enough to get back in the swim I felt most confident in. I soon had the rods on the money. I was up early the next morning, soon had a take on my left hand rod and was rewarded with a smaller very pretty fish called Slug at 21lb 8oz. The rest of the day was unproductive.

The next morning, a friend who was fishing opposite had a common of 29lb and came round to see me. I congratulated him, and we went to the café. After a few games of pool in the lodge, we went back to my swim. It was quite warm, and my friend decided not to put the rods out and sit with me for a while. I got the rods back out and was just making a brew when my left hand rod was away. It had only been out about ten minutes, and I soon had my fourth forty in the net, but it turned out to be my second repeat capture – Guzzler at 40lb 8oz. I couldn't believe how quickly the bite came. We chatted away about the big'uns in the lake and how Fingers hadn't been out for a while and what an immense place the Church Lake was. I didn't manage any

more bites that session.

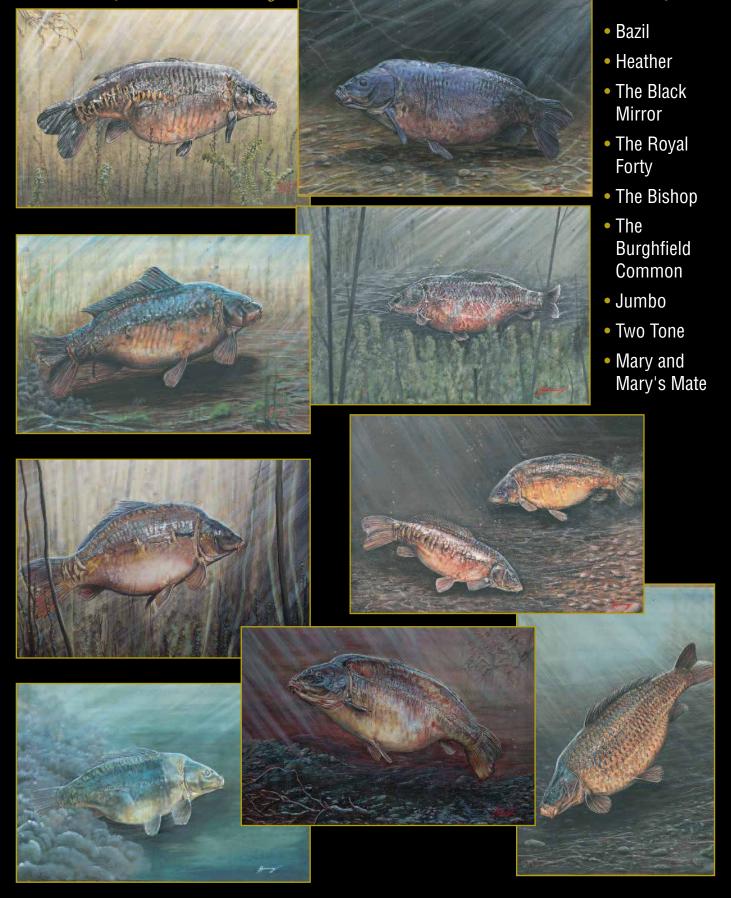
I was soon back again. The place seems to have an aura about it, and I couldn't stay away. It was late September and things were looking good – a few big girls had been coming out. I opted to go back in the same swim, as I was sure it was going to do a big'un. By mid afternoon I was all set up and had to make a quick trip to the local shop for supplies. I got the rods out on the spots before dark and baited up with a couple of kilos of 18mm and 15mm Mainline Cell boilies with the throwing stick – a method I like to use when fishing chods.

At 7am the next morning I had a small common in the net. I got the rod back out straight away, and as I was just sorting the bobbin out on this rod, the other rod was away. I soon had two fish in one net – a small common called Ziggy at 20lb 6oz and a lovely fully scaled mirror called Frosty at 28lb 8oz. I couldn't believe my luck, and another trip to Fat Boy's cafe was on the cards. I wasn't to know just how epic the next morning would be...

I had the rods out on the spots and had baited with another 2kg, so the area was primed and ready. At 7.30am, I got a slow take on my left hand rod. As I lifted into it, straight away I knew I was into something quite big, and a good 15-20 minute battle ensued with the fish just holding bottom. I eventually slipped her in the net, and my arm was aching and I was a little shaky. As I peered into the net, I wasn't sure which fish it was, but it looked colossal! I sat down to make a brew and to get the rod ready to put back on the spot, and my friend Paul popped in from next door to see what all the commotion was about. He peered in the net

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and said, "That's a unit, mate!"

As we were talking, my other rod tore off, and I was in again! My arm was still pumped, and he said that I'd best go and get my net. I had what felt like another good fish on, which gave me the runaround for another good ten minutes or so. Eventually she went over the net cord, and I had two decent fish in two nets and another early morning brace! I was totally ruined – my arm was aching, and I was all over the place with excitement. My friend and RK Leisure photographer popped round and identified the fish as Fingers, the king of the pond, and the other fish was a stunning leather carp called the Little Leather. On the scales, Fingers went 50lb 2oz, a new PB for me, my first UK 50 and my target fish all in one! The Little Leather went 37lb 12oz, making a total brace of over 87lb. I was on cloud nine. A few friends had reeled in and came to congratulate me.

After we had done all the photos, a few buckets of water had been thrown over me, the fish had safely been returned, and the small crowd of people had dispersed, I had a few moments on my own. I was completely blown away. Needless to say, another trip to the Fat Boy's cafe was in order. I went to the shop, and although I don't normally drink, I brought a few beers and went round the pond to give all those on the pond a beer and celebrate with a few of the lads that have become good friends. I got back in my swim, still floating on cloud nine. I eventually got the rods back out before dark and topped the swim up with another couple of kilos of bait before the night drew in. I didn't sleep much that night, as I was elated and full of excitement like a kid at Christmas. The next morning at 7.30, I was woken again by my left







hand rod ripping off and I was in again! Eventually I slipped the net under another beautiful scaly fish called Chewitt at 25lb 6oz. I couldn't believe my luck! I quickly got the rod back out, and ten minutes later I was in again! A fish called Berty at 28lb was in the net – another morning brace three mornings in a row! My mind was blown. I packed up shortly after and floated home, as I had a few family things to do. I returned the following weekend just for 48 hours and was fortunate enough to get back in the same area of the lake. The first night I had nothing, and there were no shows on my spot. The next morning, I had to be home by ten o'clock,

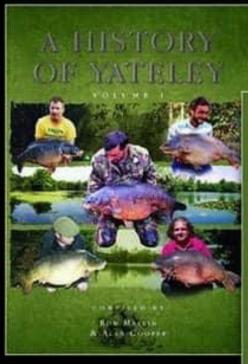
so I was up early and packed everything away apart from the rods. I was just having a brew with a bailiff next door when my left hand rod was away. As I lifted the rod, it hooped over, and I was connected with what felt like another good fish. I eventually slipped the net round a large looking mirror. This place is something else, I thought to myself. We hoisted her up on the scales and she went 43lb 12oz, a fish called Alfie and my fifth forty from the lake in as many months. This place is truly "the theatre of dreams".

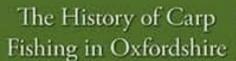
I had a bit of work on after that and didn't get back down for a couple of weeks. As we've entered autumn, I've had a couple of blank sessions now. The lake is getting slightly harder as we approach winter, but I still hope I can nick one or two more before the fish go a bit dormant in the winter months. I couldn't have dreamed of a better start to my season on a new water. My main goal was to try and better my previous PB, a fish called Enoch at 43lb 12oz, which I have achieved. I've had 21 Horton carp now - one double, four 20s, ten 30s, five 40s and a 50, and I've met some great people who have become good friends over the last few months. I would like to say what a great team of bailiffs the Horton complex has who keep the place in tip top condition, and I would also like to big up Rupert Whiteman for his great photography work and always being there when needed.

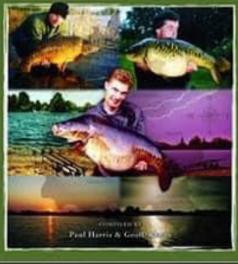
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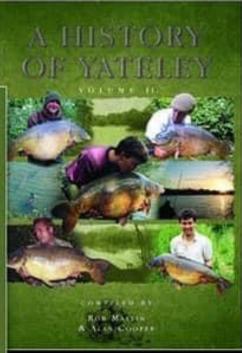
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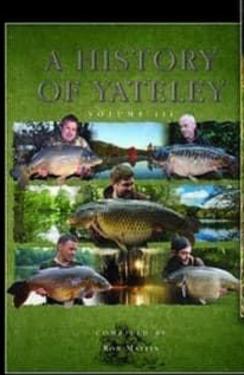
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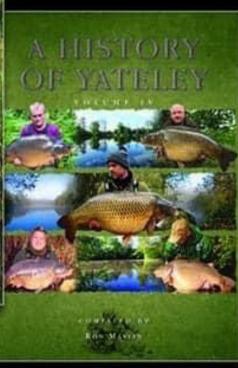




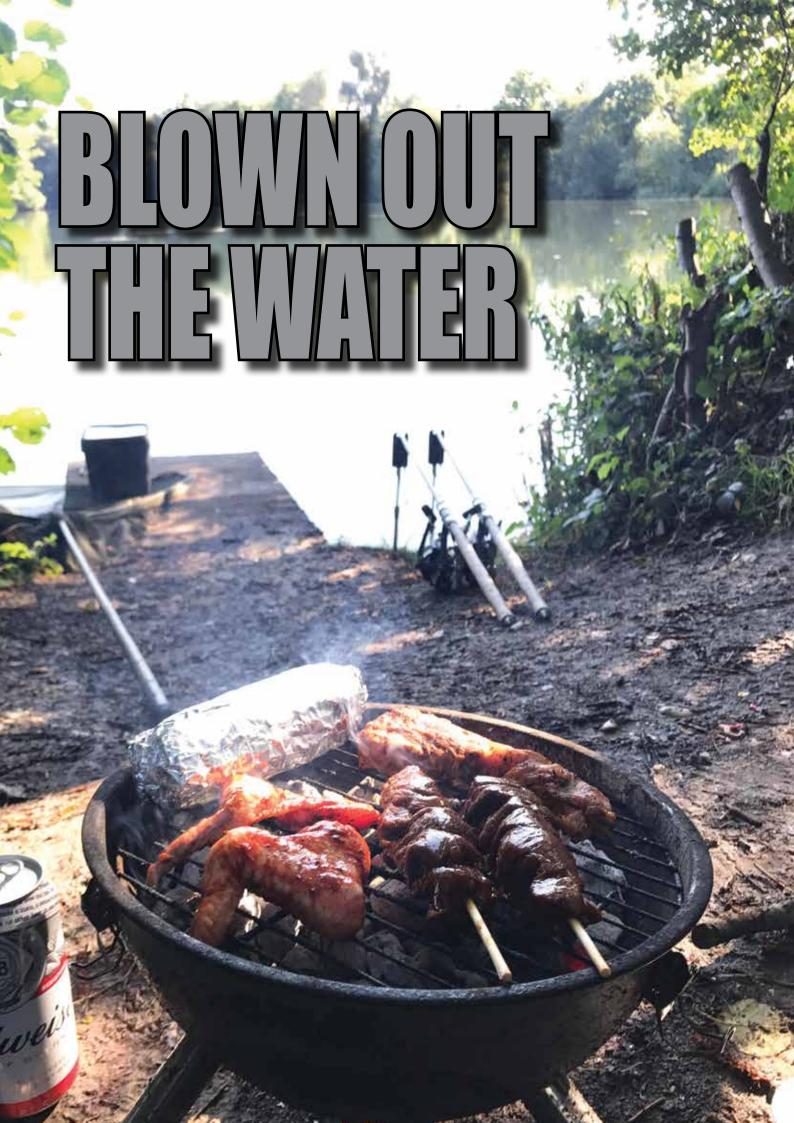








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fter my capture of the Slate Grey common at her record weight of 44lb 8oz, I was well and truly buzzing and couldn't believe my luck! I'd had the two biggest fish in the lake – mirror and common! All those hours of driving and getting stuck in the M40 traffic had paid off. My dreams had come true. I decided I was to have a few months off from the place, relax a little and give myself little time off from all the stressful journeys on a Friday evening from Dudley. After only a few weeks I was itching to get back down; it was all I could think of day and night... That was it! I had to get the gear sorted and get back down there...

I couldn't make the following weekend of the 18/08/17 that I had hoped for due to it being a friend's birthday that we had booked a local pond for a match/social on the Saturday back in the Midlands. The week came around, and I was looking

forward to the social and itching for the following weekend when I could get back to CP! On the Wednesday night I had the wildest dream about losing the Small Redmire Common (a fish I had really wanted and a rare visitor to the bank) from Trumptons. The dream had felt so real that when I woke up in the morning, I just couldn't take any more! I rang my friend Ross (whose birthday it was) and told him all about my dream and how real it had felt. I proceeded to tell him that I was extremely sorry but I was cancelling my spot on the local pond to get back to CP instead. Something was just telling me to get back down that weekend! Obviously, as you can imagine, he wasn't too pleased but wished me luck nevertheless. The event that followed that weekend just blew me out of the water and turned my superstition into a reality and much more!

The Friday came round in no time and an early finish from work (which never happens!). I was en route, and the M40 was clear! Everything just went perfectly for once. I arrived at around 16:15, which was early for me, as I usually arrive at around 19:30! I had a walk around, starting at the Island peg, and I couldn't believe my luck, as it was free, and so was Des's next door – the two swims I had really wanted to put a bit of time into. Turning up late on Friday evenings just wasn't any use though, as those pegs were always long gone! I decided to bucket Des's, as being the most fished/popular swim on the lake, it was a no-brainier, plus it's always good for a bite around this time of year.

Like every weekend, once I had found my home for the night, I always go for a walk around with a beer and a smoke to see all the lads. The social side of Yateley is just like no place I have ever fished, and it's definitely one of the main reasons

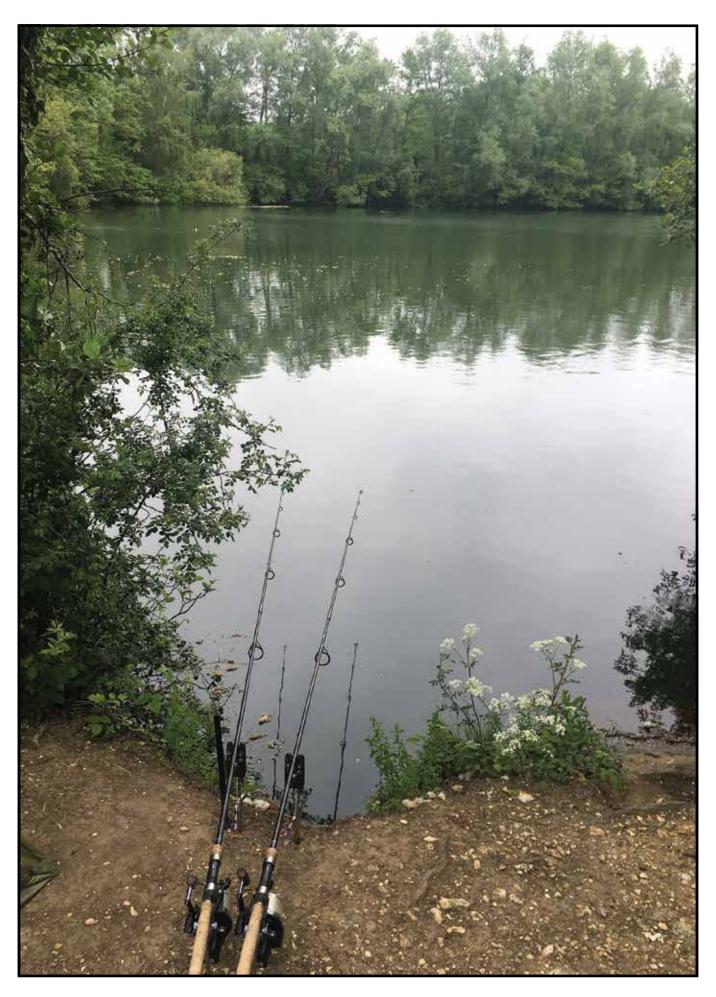




I fell in love with the place from the moment I first stepped through the gates. On my way around, I could hear the tins of beer clanging and the chattering of people I expected a couple of the lads were having a social behind the Curly swim (as per most weekends).

Good friends Ernie, Dean and Adrix typically greeted me with a beer in true Car Park style! After a chat and few beers, they proceeded to tell me they had all seen a fish showing towards Trumptons that morning and had advised me to go in there, as it was also free! At first I was very reluctant to move my bucket out of Des's, as I had only ever managed to fish the peg two or three times previously. As the advice of the local lads is second to none, and being such a tight group, I decided to take the advice and run round with my bucket! After all the fish only seem to show in the early mornings for around an hour or two, and then the lake goes quiet all day, plus they had just done two nights, so who was I to argue with them? After moving the gear in and setting up for the night, I put what little bait I had with me over two spots - only around four Spombs over each spot. Everything went perfectly, and the rods both went down first cast. The weather was great, and it looked bang-on for a Yateley carp. I was just so happy to be back down and wasn't really to fussed if I caught or not. I went to sleep with a feeling something would happen, as it just looked good for it.

The night passed uneventfully, to my surprise, without a single bleep from the Delkim. I woke up at around 07.30, which is fairly late for me and made my morning brew. I stood and watched the morning pass without a single fish show anywhere. I had phoned a few of the lads that I knew would have been awake a



little earlier than my lie-in to see if they had seen much/heard much. Their replies were all the same – nothing, not a single thing... The lake was strangely quiet for the conditions. I let bite time pass, and around 12:30 I reeled in and decided to go to YAC for a few bits and bobs and some more bait.

An hour or so later, I was back in my swim with a sore wallet and a small carrier bag of goodies. I sat contemplating my plan of action. Was a move on the cards, or did I stay put? I still had one more night to go. After making a brew and clipping my rods back up, I noticed that both of my spots were erupting! That was it! I was staying put. Not wanting to put a 4.5oz lead on their heads, I decided to leave them to it, as hard as it was, and I had a walk round for a chat and beer with good friend Jan who had just turned up and gone into Des's. Maybe fortyfive minutes or so had passed, and I was itching to get back. I got back round and the fizzing had stopped, I quickly got the rods back out and put around eight Spombs back over each spot. Everything seemed to just go perfectly again, and I sat back and watched. Maybe an hour or so passed, and it was now around 16:45-ish... I was looking at my rods, and completely out of nowhere, the left hand rod just burst into life, and the clutch of the SS3000 was in complete meltdown! I couldn't believe it! I jumped off my bed and hit into an absolute steam train. I can honestly say I have never had a fight like that! The initial first run was crazy. I tried to slow her down, but she was just having none of it, stripping line off the clutch like a tuna! She just kept going, deeper and deeper into the dense thick weed! Then nothing... she was solid ... and my heart was in my mouth and my legs shaking immensely on the wooden boards of Trumptons!

# The History of Carp Fishing in Oxfordshire

#### Paul Harris and Geoff Adams

Carp fishing has a very rich history. In the early days of it becoming popular, Kent and the Colne Valley were the hot beds of our fledgling pastime and of course there was the legendary Redmire Pool.

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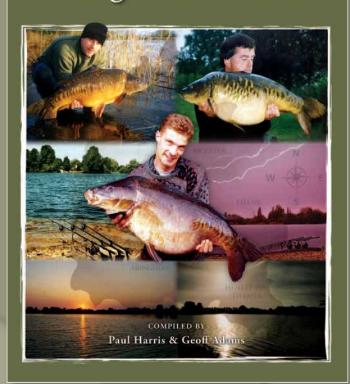
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I kept the steady pressure on for around ten minutes, refusing to give slack line before she finally came out, and then it was just like the initial run all over again! She just ploughed off like a steam train, stripping line from the SS3000 straight into another weedbed with me being able to do absolutely nothing. She just wasn't using any energy at all whilst sat in the weed, and another ten minutes of holding the rod had passed before she came out, but this time she had seriously kited right and gone really deep into a thick bed of Canadian, and this time I could feel anything. My thoughts had turned to the worst, and maybe she was off. I could see Jan had reeled in his rods, and he was on his way round with the boat.

A few minutes later he arrived – I was so happy! Life jackets on, and there we were out amongst the thick weed with me winding down to the fish. We got closer and closer, and I still couldn't feel a thing. My heart sank more and more, but as we got above the line, I could feel it grating as it was coming up. I said to Jan, "I think it's just a ball of weed, mate." The tip of the leadcore appeared, and out of nowhere, I saw a dark shape turn on its side in a thick ball of weed! I shouted, "It's still on!" One final pull and she was on the surface, and Jan scooped her up! I don't think she knew what was going on, as there was weed covering her, but as soon as she went into the net, she went crazy!



We peeled away the weed, and I saw her. It was a fish known as Three Scale, and she looked big! We got her back and did the photos and weighed her. She was at a record weight of 37lb 5oz! I couldn't believe it – my third fish from the Car Park and an absolute banger – my first UK 30 and at her biggest weight so far! It was also an evening bite, which are very rare, as most of the bites seem to come between first light and 11:00. Buzzing didn't come close to how it felt that afternoon! I decided not to get the rods back out and go round to Des's to celebrate with Jan and a few of the lads. A couple of beers later, I was back in Trumptons and ready for the night ahead. I decided to put a bit more bait in, a kilo of crushed and whole Krill boilie with a handful of tigers. I put the rods back out, and they went down with a bang! It still looked bang-on for it, but never did I actually expect the rod to go again...

The following morning I was up bright and early at 05:00, to be or precise, I sat and watched the water until around 07:30 with numerous cups of tea. I was shocked by not seeing a single showing fish or fizzer anywhere despite the lake looking perfect for a bite! It was flat calm, and mist was rising off the lake. It looked beautiful – a morning I won't forget. I remember looking at my phone at 07:48 and thought I'd have a small nap and get up around 11:00 to drive home... I zipped my Sleep System up looking at the rods, and just as my head hit the pillow, the right hand rod tip twitched with the Delkim letting out a single bleep! With this I sat straight up and stared at the bobbins, ans within a split second the SS3000 was in full meltdown again!

I scrambled out of bed, missed my shoes and picked up the rod. I couldn't believe my luck! I was into another fish, and

the battle commenced! I gained a fair amount of line after the initial run, keeping the fish above the weed as much as I could! After only a short battle, I had the fish around six rod lengths away from the bank, but there was a big wall of solid weed around half a foot off the surface. I managed to get the fish around half way across this bed before he took an epic last attempt to bury deep into the weed, diving downwards. At this point I could see a tail around half a foot below the surface in the sunlight just pedaling its way deeper down into

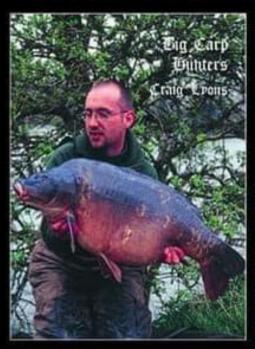


the weed! I could just about make out scales across the wrist of the tail and thought it must have been one of the mirrors. It didn't seem massive, so I started to think of all the mirrors it could have been.

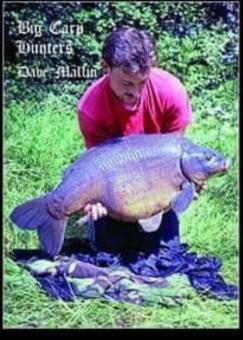
By this point, every angler on the lake was standing at the front of the swim, watching and shouting over, "Can you see it? Which fish is it?" I shouted, "I think it's a small mirror!" Then out of nowhere, the fish reversed out of the weed, and that's when I saw it – the Small Redmire Common – the one I wanted and had dreamt about! I screamed across the lake, "It's the common!" The fish kited right, and before I knew it, he was back on the surface, wallowing around and ready for the net. All I remember is just shouting, "Please... please... please... please..." as he wallowed towards the net. Then over the cord he went, and I dropped my rod on the floor and gave it the shout! I could not believe my eyes – there he was, the Small Redmire Common sat in my net! The joy and feeling I had at that moment was something I've had nowhere else.

From that point on it was all kind of a blur. I think the adrenaline took over! Luckily I have a live video of the moment, so I will never forget it, and of course some wicked shots of the angry beast! It was 28lb 8oz of old Car Park beauty, and my God did he beat me up on the bank! Such an epic fish and an epic weekend – one I definitely will never forget and one I completely owe to my good friends Ernie, Dean B, and Adrix! If it wasn't for their advice and the bond we have, I would have most definitely stayed in Des's and possibly added another blank to the season.

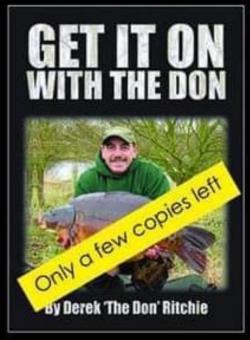
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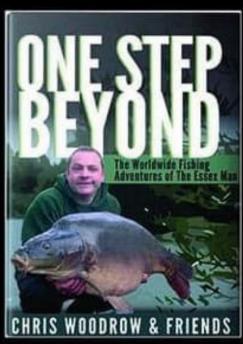


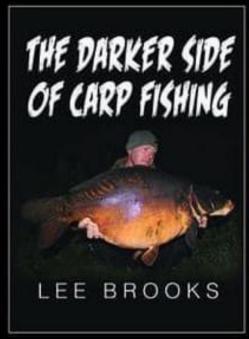
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