

News Reel

for all your fishing news and information in brief

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Fisheries Manager - Clint Elliott

Well what another amazing season we have had here at **White Acres**, it only feels like two minutes ago I was writing this for last years magazine. This year we have had one of the busiest years ever so no wonder time has flown!

I would like to offer my thanks to all the guests that have visited us here at White Acres and for those regular

touch base with the fisheries team!

visitors to the **News-reel web site** that have made this such an enjoyable and successful year for us all. I cannot believe it has now been two years that we have had owners on site.

The last of the second wave of developments has just been sold and we are moving onto stage three and the developments for 2008 are looking really exciting with the new holiday homes arriving already.

Our **festival programme** has been jam packed this season and they have all been fantastic events, we are especially proud of how well the junior festival grows each year especially as we have a new category for intermediates that will be carrying on in the future. We also have a new

Parkdean Master and the current titleholder is **Des Shipp**.



Jamie, Kirsty, Adam, Ben, and Karl

The fishing has been mixed this year, we have had some great results but also, along with the rest of the UK fisheries, have suffered due to changing weather conditions and climate but I don't think you'll find many grumbles from the visitors because unless you were actually sat at your peg without a pole or a rod you were guaranteed to catch at some point! Our winter fishing season is

upon us and the White Acres winter league is off to a cracking start and I am chomping at the bit for the start of our silver fish festival that is just starting now. I hope you enjoy this brief update and carry on visiting the website if you have any comments or feedback please do not hesitate to contact us.

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2008 diary dates!

W/C 29th March
Van Den Eynde Festival

Weekend of the 4th & 5th April
Drennan International Junior &
Preston Innovations Intermediate
Festival

W/C 19th April
Dynamite Baits Festival

W/C 26th April
Milo Festival

Saturday 17th May
Maver Pairs Heat

Saturday 14th June
Fish-O-Mania Heat

W/C 28th June
White Acres Virgins Festival

W/C 5th July
Solero Ladies Festival

W/C 27th September
Maver Festival

W/C 4th October
Preston Innovations Festival

Saturday 11th October
Parkdean Masters
£25,000 one-day event

W/C 11th October
Gold Winners Week.

W/C 1st November
Silver Winners Week &
Veterans Festival

Should you require any further information or have any questions concerning any of the festivals and for all festival bookings please contact Kirsty on **01726 862 526**.

For general fishery information please contact us on **01726 862 519/526** or email kirstybyrne@parkdeanolidays.com



White Acres mature “new” lakes

The final development opened in 2003 and yet we still call them **new lakes**, I wonder why this is? It's true that old habits die hard so until we have new lakes dug on park these will continue to be known as “new lakes”. On paper their formal names are **Twin Oaks, Acorn & Canal** and we'll be having a look back over the past few years to see how the lakes have grown and developed.

Acorn

19 Pegs 1.5 Acres

This has turned out to be one of our most popular lakes over the year and has grown in stature. The lake was originally stocked with mainly **carp** 10oz to 1lb with about 40 fish around the 8lb mark. We also stocked some **tench, skimmers, roach & perch**. Acorn has matured into an idyllic lake with pleasure and match weights topping 175lb. **Acorn** also plays a key part in over 4 of our yearly festivals and is also the firm favourite for anglers in our Thursday Rover match.

Twin Oaks

18 Pegs (per lake) 1.5 Acres

These were the first lakes on the new complex to be fully operational and were originally stocked with fish from 10oz to a 1lb. Just from looking at the lake it is not just the foliage that has grown because if you see any of the fish topping you know they are no longer 1lb! On the lower numbers now the fish go up to 10lb and over the last 18 months the fishing has really improved on the high numbers. At one point putting the two lakes into competition with each other was a no-brainer with the lower lake coming up tops time after time, but now it is all

change as the fish have gained some reasonable weight and even though they are still a lower stamp they are plentiful so one can expect stiff competition. Of course this is not all year round as both lakes have their own unique feeding patterns and of course the conditions always come into play. **Twin Oaks** plays a massive part in both our weekly residents matches and festivals and is now one of our top regarded lakes.

Canal

20 pegs 1.5 Acres

Over the years **Canal** has been plagued by the horror of Canadian weed making the fishing tricky to say the least – partly to do with the weed and partly due to the “mutter” size proportions of the fish. For some it was a challenge and some of the best adrenaline style fishing, and for some it was simply a no go area. Well 2007 saw a new start for the lake and things seemed to have been turned around for the better. In the 2006 winter programme we spent a lot of time and effort on this lake getting it right for the future. The lake was drained, the fish safely re-homed, the weed removed and the pond bed treated to prevent re-growth. After a period of rest the lake was re filled and re stocked with small fish, so what was originally planned for the lake was finally achieved this year and we now have a lake that is one of the fairest on the complex that has been fishing well. We really got pay back for all of the hard work when we were at last able to once again use this lake in one of our large festivals. From the off the new fish fed well and have put on weight throughout the season so we have high hopes for this lake in 2008.

match focus in brief

for in depth match reviews visit www.news-reel.com

juniors' fest

The talent really shines through from some of these **juniors** who all seem to have great futures ahead in the world of angling. Thirty-eight anglers aged 15 and under fished in this year's festival that was once again held on Trelawney & Jennys. The pack was split in two, each section fishing the two lakes in rotation over the two days. This year's festival was won by **William Buckle** with 20 points and a weight of 97lb 3oz, **Luke Hancock** was second with 18 points and a weight of 83lb 15oz and third went to **Grant Merrett** also with 18 points but a weight of 51lb 6oz. **Coca Cola, Drennan International** once again sponsored the event and we must say a massive thank you for the amazing prizes they supplied!



preston interiors

This year **White Acres**, teamed up with **Preston Innovations** to provide a 2 day festival just for **intermediates** aged 16 – 18. Not only was it a first for the festival but the first match on the newly restocked Canal Lake. **Intermediates** fished the festival, a little less than we hoped for but you have to start somewhere! Over the 2 days there were some terrific weights and Canal fished extremely well. The festival was won by Danny Hallam with 10 points and a weight of 189lb. Second also with 10 points was Danny Griffiths with a weight of 185lb 14oz. Third again on ten points but a weight of 185lb 10oz (so close) was Alex Hulme. These were exceptional results for these young anglers.

vets fighting fit

The third year of our **White Acres Coors Veterans Festival** keeps growing in popularity. The veteran anglers aged 55 and over fished on Trelawney, Python and Twin Oaks Low, 48 anglers took part this year and fished the three lakes in rotation over the 3 days.

Retaining his crown for the 2nd year was Malcolm Proctor topping the leader board with 22 points and a weight of 160lb 7oz, 2nd also with 22 points but a weight of 145lb 13oz was Terry Bruton and 3rd - again with 22 points was Keith Dawes with a weight of 138lb 12oz. The 2008 Veterans plan is getting a re-vamp moving the festival to the end of the year and extending it to a 4 day festival with two of the days being silver fish only,



van den eynde

Well what a festival the **Van Den Eynde** was this year, only one point separated the top 12 anglers with the top 7 on 35 and the next 5 on 34, this is one of the tightest festivals we have ever had. **Ben Leach** took the festival bagging him the first White Acres victory of the season. Ben fought his way up through the leader board winning the festival with 35 points and a weight of 333lb 13oz. The weights of the anglers in 2nd and 3rd place were phenomenal, taking 2nd also with 35 points but dropping a worse result was Des Ship with a massive 546lb 3oz, Kieron Rich also with 35 points but a weight of 450lb 14oz took third.



the great milo

The **Milo festival** was won this year by **Darren Cox** on his first visit to **White Acres** of the season. Despite taking winter festival wins and being a former Parkdean Master Darren had yet to win one of our big spring or autumn festivals. **Darren** finished the week on a maximum result with 36 points. He started out of the top twenty but worked his way up through 16th, 4th then held on to the top spot for the final two days to take the crown, He put in a great effort to leave him with a respectable weight of 517lb 15oz. Fresh from his festival win **Will Raison** was on top form to take second with 35 points and a weight of 420lb 10oz, **Craig Ebborell** took third also with 35 points but a weight of 304lb.

always dynamite

The **Dynamite Baits** festival is the 2nd big event on our angling calendar and is one of the most popular. This is our first pellet festival of the year and one that is a challenge of luck, skill and determination.

This year's festival was won by England ace **William Raison**, Will finished the festival on a maximum of 36 points with a winning weight of 541lb 15oz, Will fought off a challenge from the likes of Parkdean Master **Neil Machin** who took 2nd also on maximum points but a weight of 363lb 6oz, Kieron Rich came third with 35 points and a whopping weight of 587lb 9oz. Once again the prizes supplied from Dynamite were extensive.



summer ladies

Well it was supposed to be the **Summer Solero Ladies Festival**, it was definitely a ladies festival but Summer it definitely wasn't! Eighteen keen female anglers fished the festival this year that was once again held on both sides of **Twin Oaks & Acorn**. This is a great festival and the ladies greet each other like long lost friends opposed to rival match anglers. Three members of the **White Acres England ladies team** were on hand to offer friendly help and advice and to join in the festival. The title this year went to **Denise Hudgel**, Denise is an accomplished angler here at White Acres and took the win with 14 points and a weight of 84lb 7oz, Former title holder **Wendy Locker** took second also with 14 points but a weight of 75lb 6oz Denise's travelling partner was third with 87lb 4oz but only 13 points. It was another good festival and all the ladies are geared up and ready for next year.

innovative

The **Preston Innovations** is our last 180-peg festival of the year with not only the title up for grabs but also the chance to qualify for the **£25,000** grand final. This years festival boasted one of the best angling line ups with top anglers from throughout the UK. The festival is also **unique** in combining world class



anglers with regular match anglers that have won at White Acres over the season. Fresh from his previous win, **Steve Ringer** took this years title with a spotless 5 section wins finishing on 36 points with 436lb 10oz and **Phil Ringer** was 2nd with 35 points and 478lb 8oz and 3rd to Steve Cooke also with 35 points and a weight of 397lb 7oz. Preston Innovations as always came up with amazing prizes so thanks once again.

match focus

the masters

Our main event and time for our former master **Neil Machin** to hand over his title to a fellow angler. The top 24 read like a list of who's who in the **angling world**.

This was sure to be an exciting final.

The day was cold and damp and the draw was a tense event.

Sky Sports were here to cover the event and and all that stood between these 24 anglers and **£25,000** was a four hour fishing match. The title this year went to **Des Ship**.

He has been in this final every year since the competition started and has often come just one fish off winning it but 2007 was the year for Des



and he received one of the loudest cheers I've heard here when he collected his winners cheque. This was no "**one horse**" match and in the last half an hour could have gone anyway with some people on increased bites, and some not getting a bite and others losing fish in the dying minutes of the match. When the weigh in was complete and the winning results verified it was Des's turn to step up to the stage to collect his trophy with his winning weight of 75lb 4oz (*our biggest masters winning weight to date*) and be crowned **Parkdean Master 2007** so well done **Des** - hope you dried out after your swim!

1st	Des Ship	75lb 4oz
2nd	Steve Sanders	70lb 14oz
3rd	John Bradshaw	69lb 2oz
4th	William Raison	55lb 12oz
5th	Grant Albutt	53lb 8oz

For a full list of finalists go to www.news-reel.com

diawa today...

It was touch and go for the **Daiwa festival**, but we went ahead with the festival knowing that **White Acres** would go ahead with the sponsorship should they pull out. After fishing the festival since day one **Andy Pell** managed to finally clench the victory winning the festival with 30 points and a weight of 270lb 12oz. Only weight separated the top three with them all having 30 points. **Chris Gay** was second with 219lb 7oz and third went to Chris Szakacs with 162lb 9oz. The festival will go ahead in 2008 but as a **White Acres** sponsored event.



autumn maver

The autumn festivals were another sell out success starting off with the **Maver**. This is for some the "last chance saloon" festival as it is the last opportunity for anglers to qualify for the following weeks festival. The festival had a nail biting finish with **Timmy Rowe** taking the win by the smallest of margins, finishing on a perfect 36 points with a weight of 322lb 8oz just ahead of **Karl Webster** who also finished on 36 points with 432lb 8oz but a worse dropped result, 3rd went to Steve Ringer on 35 points with a weight of 350lb 15oz.



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home owners

2007 has been a **fantastic year** for the holiday home sales team, throughout the year exclusive owners only events have been held on the park as a chance for us to get to know the **owners**. Our events have ranged from **pizza & pint afternoons**, the **champagne & strawberry** launch of completed development and most recently our end of season 2007 **themed casino & cocktail party** that was enjoyed by all. We would like to thank all of our owners that supported these events and also welcome all the new owners that will be joining us for **2008**. Next year looks set to be very promising, and we are busy planning schedule of events for throughout the year that are exclusively for our owners.

<http://www.news-reel.com/owners>

win with our great questionnaire opportunity

This year we introduced the **White Acres Fishery Questionnaire** giving our visitors the opportunity to tell us what they think. This can be done **anonymously** but if your name and address are filled in, once a month you stand a chance of being drawn out to **win** a free case of our **Cornish bagging pellets**. The questionnaire has been a huge success and the feedback and comments have been **really positive** and also useful in helping us instigate changes for the future. Thank you to everyone who filled in a **questionnaire** and we will be carrying this on for the **foreseeable future** so at the end of your **White Acres** stay don't forget to fill one out and drop it into us and it could be you that receives a **box of pellets** on your doorstep.



residents 'pint for life' clarification

White Acres has a long standing **tradition** that if you win one of our residents matches not only do you receive a **free holiday** and an invite to the **Preston Innovations festival** but you also receive a "pint for life". Throughout the years this has run there has always been some confusion as to how many pints you are able to have (*for multiple match winners*).

This year we introduced a **card system** so we could keep track of those using this **privilege** and explained to them that regardless of wins they could only claim **one pint** (*which was always the intention it has just been mis-administered over the years*) per evening.

This year the only **exception** to this was if the winners brought their **multiple tankards** with them they could claim multiple drinks.

For **2008** everyone who has registered for their pint for life card will be **receiving a letter** stating that they can claim **one pint only** each evening for the duration of their stay at White Acres, there will be **no exception** to this. Customers must still present their card each time they request their free drink....

**No Card = No Drink,
Objections to this = No Card.**



family values

White Acres has numerous family groups that come here fishing each year, In October we caught up with the **Baldwin family** to see what keeps them returning here on their holidays year after year. The Baldwin's consist of *Dad Nick, Mum Debbie and twins Megan & Laura* aged 13.

Why do you choose White Acres?

Nick – Have been coming for 8 years now, it is a great fishing venue with excellent variety.

Debbie – I love the peace and quiet around the lakes, it is friendly and feels like a second home to us.

Laura – I like the fishing and everything the park has to offer.

Megan – Everything is nice and everyone friendly especially the fishing lodge as this year they gave me loads of help.

What is your most memorable White Acres moment?

Nick & Debbie – Seeing Laura & Megan fishing in the Rover and watching them weigh in and collect their prizes.

Megan & Laura – Catching our biggest fish and match fishing in the Rover.

Other than the fishing what do you think of the Park?

Nick & Debbie – Always clean & tidy and everyone is friendly.

Laura & Megan – There is lots to do and is all great fun – the pool could be a bit bigger though.

What do you think of the accommodation?

Nick & Debbie – We have tried nearly all types of caravans and even brought our dog once, obviously some are better than others but they all are good value.

Megan & Laura have been coming with their parents to **White Acres** for 8 years now and this is what they had to say when **News Reel** caught up with them,

"we always fish when we come to White Acres and this year has been exciting for us as it is the first time we have fished on our own, we entered the Rover in the summer in the junior match and really enjoyed it, we didn't come first but we

weighed in and collected our prizes. Our best catches are Laura - a 9lb 5oz carp and a 2lb roach both from Nelsons and Megan a 7.5lb carp from Eery.

We really like coming to White acres and can't wait to come back next year because all the fishing team are friendly and helpful and the fishing is great!"



in the heart of Cornwall...

Bolinge lake is one of the most tranquil lakes that **White Acres** has to offer, set in the scenic Cornish village that is **Bolinge**. With the huge head of carp in that Bolinge has, it makes it one of the most popular lakes White Acres offer for their anglers. Over the years **Bolinge's** popularity and reputation all over the country is huge and this is why White Acres were so keen to lease the lake exclusively for their resident anglers. **Mike O'Gorman** the owner has dedicated a lot of time and effort over the years to keep the fishing at Bolinge top draw so the anglers keep coming back and wanting more. So if you are down at White Acres on your fishing holiday please don't miss the opportunity to fish Bolinge a premier lake.



Mike O'Gorman - owner of Bolinge

What do you think makes Bolinge special.

The tranquil village setting and quality of fishing makes Bolinge a special venue. The fish are in a healthy condition and willing feeders resulting in a productive day for both experienced and novice anglers. The lake is not subject to the pressures of a traditional commercial carp match venue.

How much care and attention do you put into the lake.

Living nearby, the lake is patrolled on a daily basis to "keep an eye on things". During the warmer months the lake water is exchanged weekly via the adjacent stream to maintain water quality and fish health. The lake is closed from November to March and during that period essential maintenance and tree pruning is carried out. Every 3 years the water levels are lowered and lake netted to remove many of the roach which are not fished for and

multiply year on year. This has just been carried out and 4000lb of roach were netted.

Where do you see the lake in 10 years time .

In 10 years time I will be 67years old so who knows! The current Lease with Whiteacres is ongoing and I see no reason for this to change.

By that time the fish will be considerably larger and a review of the stocking will be necessary.

How do you monitor the stocking level of the lake.

Bolinge has a high stocking density of around 5000lb/acre and this is only maintainable due to the availability of fresh stream water.

As one would expect some fish are lost each year through natural causes and these are replaced from our own adjacent stock ponds.

The five White Acres Festival match weights are consistently good and this along with regular netting is an indication of stock but this cannot by nature be an exact science.

What are your angling enjoyments.

I would consider myself to be a reasonable all round angler ; I currently match fish and prior to moving to Cornwall fished for specimen carp and also enjoyed trout fishing. I have a 20lb rainbow trout which I caught at Dever Springs and set up by the late Peter Stone. Having now retired I fish local matches 2 or 3 times a week and treat these as a day out; I don't do too bad but there are some very good local match anglers to compete against. Bolinge lake has 3 large stock ponds and I enjoy breeding fish from fry to adult stage.

access to new match lakes

White Acres have secured the use of two **new match style lakes** for the purpose of festival sections and private group hire, and open matches. The lakes are situated **5 miles from White Acres** and should be ready for use 1st May 2008, Both lakes have 18 well-spaced pegs with up to 14 to 15 m between the platforms, the depths range from 5 ft

deep down the middle and 3 ft in the margins and are approximately 20 m wide. Each lake is spring fed with plenty of fresh water keeping the water quality at its best.

Both lakes will be stocked with **Mirror Carp, common Carp, ghost Carp** and



plenty of **F1's** with the odd **Tench**, 10oz to 2lb

The lakes will be available for hire for private matches, and will be used for owner events, with the opportunity for mini festival hire. The lakes have been constructed in an idyllic valley where existing ponds have been cleaned out creating environmentally friendly areas. We have also acquired the use a further lake of around one acre for a more pleasure styled fishing, to enquire about lake bookings please contact the tackle shop on **01726 862519**

The website is still getting amazing numbers of hits each week and we have a lot more updates planned for 2008 so look out for a fresh new look and some new and exciting pages! So don't forget! news, information and articles are all available online so log-on now at <http://www.news-reel.com>



christmas salutations

From all the staff at **White Acres**, we wish you all a *Merry Christmas* and a happy and healthy *New Year*. - Don't forget if you book before the end of January you can save **£40 per week**, to book please call **0871 641 0325**. See you all next year at **White Acres!**



ex-masters Darren Cox and Steve Ringer provide toptips!

Each year some of England's top class anglers fish at White Acres, mainly in our festivals but sometimes for pleasure . We have asked two anglers both with multiple festival wins under their belt a question each on the methods they use which should be of help and interest to you for future visits.

Here are the responses we got from Darren Cox & Steve Ringer

Darren, when banding a pellet on the wagglor it has been noticed that you leave a long hair attached to it, can you explain why you do this?

Darren Cox: The reason that I use a long hair between the bait and the hook is because I believe that you get a much better hook hold on the fish. With a long hair as the fish sucks in the bait it tilts the hook on an angle therefore increasing the chance of the fish being hooked as it takes the bait in.

I think it is important to hook the fish as it ejects the bait or as I strike as a response to the bite. I feel that the long hair helps me to achieve this.

I tend to judge how long a hair to use by leaving the same size gap from the bend of the hook to the top of the pellet as the size of the pellet I am attaching to the hair. Another key point is also be aware of the size of fish you are targeting, for smaller carp and especially F1's I do use a shorter hair.



Darren Cox



Steve Ringer

Steve, your ability to catch on the meat feeder is phenomenal and tends to be one of your most favoured methods. We wondered how long do you leave it before re-casting and why?

Steve Ringer: The meat feeder in my opinion is a very positive way of fishing and how long I like to leave the feeder out reflects this. At the start of the match I like to leave the feeder out around 90seconds. This might not seem like a very long time, but when you think about how many fish are in a lot of the lakes at White Acres it's all about putting a bed of bait down to try and hold the fish in the swim.

If I only cast say once every five minutes I quite simply wouldn't be putting enough bait out to keep the fish in front of me. Feeder wise I normally start on a medium sized cage feeder and stick with this for the first hour. Then it is a case of chopping and changing feeder size to regulate how much bait is going in and keep the bits coming.