

The Fishing was good.... It was the catching that was bad..

Most Trout fishing is now over for this year, definitely for me as I am not one for winter commercial Trout fishing, so if I get the urge to stand in a river close to freezing it will be only for Grayling or Pike. Winter cod fishing is not what it used to be, but can still be quite productive if you have the correct tide and the right boat and good luck of course. One thing you can rely on is hot coffee and tall stories on any boat trip.



Back on dry land in the pub the stories get bizarre and the fish you caught years ago get bigger every time they are mentioned.

CAUTION – Lock up your goldfish. For hundreds of years Trout and Salmon have been poached in the dead of night by cunning and crafty 'one for the pot' types. Some Folk make a bit of beer money with them in the local pub.

Now there is a new and much more worrying epidemic in the UK that is the number of Course fish being killed and eaten especially Carp. Several local ponds have been wiped out with some fish having cost thousands of pounds each, part eaten, large carp have been found on makeshift barbecues near some local waters, fish regardless of their size being taken by gangs using spears & night lines.

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