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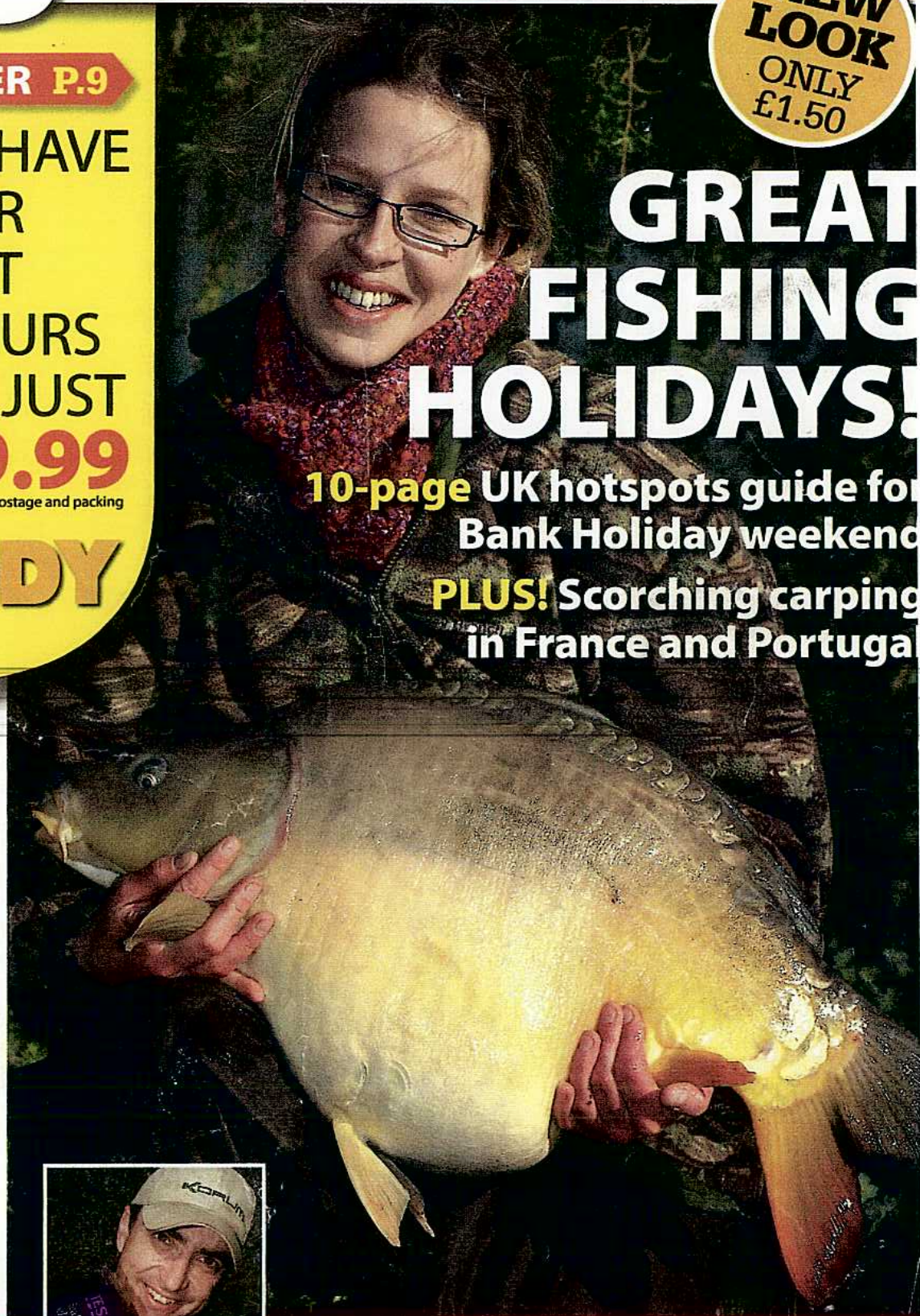
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**ANGLER'S MAIL** Carp World columnist Colin Davidson's good lady Vanessa Butler bagged five 20 lb-plus carp on a recent French sortie with Davo including this cracking 25 lb 10 oz mirror. Science lecturer Ness, from Andover, Hampshire fished an English-owned Etang de Molyneux with col and banked specimens to 27 lb 10 oz. Read all about their productive 48-hour session in page 52-55.

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THIS 52 lb common carp, by Brit abroad Chris Daley is the heaviest caught in Portugal... until evidence surfaces of bigger ones. The catch wins Chris an exclusive Jonny Foreigner cap.



**NEWS**

## Record carp may tempt YOU to a Portugal break

**IF YOU'RE** thinking of a place for an affordable non-fishing holiday Portugal is a top choice... but pack your rods when you go or you'll miss out on some ever-improving coarse sport.

Chris Daley went over to the sun-soaked country ready for rod-bending action with one of the few specialist fishing tour firms

out there, FLAP Holidays – run by an Englishman. And Chris' trip resulted in arguably the biggest authenticated Portuguese carp ever caught – a 52 lb common.

Chris was fishing a private lake when he hooked into the big 'un, and it followed another of 40 lb caught by his partner Paula Hargan. Phil Rosa-Leeke, who runs trips

to the water, revealed: 'This is the Portuguese record as the biggest problem over here is the lack of anglers who take photos.

'Until recently carping wasn't really big, and until someone produces photographic proof of the 30 Kg fish they talk about, Chris' carp is the biggest.' Holiday latest: phil@flap-holidays.com

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## EDITOR'S Welcome

**"Competition amongst manufacturers can only be good for the angler, as we're all looking for an edge."**



**DOESN'T time fly?** It only seems like a few weeks ago that 2007 started... and now we're in May, with summer appearing to be well and truly here (touch wood... it's probably raining when you read this!)

A lot has happened already this year. And angling product developments seem to have hit an all-time high.

I cannot remember so much exciting bait appearing on the shelves either. Just a week after we rounded-up the best new baits, Sensas (p.15) have announced they're going hard after the commercial pools markets. Competition amongst manufacturers can only be good for the angler, as we're all looking for an edge!

But while the next snazzy formula is concocted by people trying to earn a crust out of us anglers, brains on the banks realize naturally occurring baits are often the real winners. Ian Welch tells you in this issue (p.56/57) how it might be worth putting fish in your lake on a seafood diet. But it's not simply a case of SEE FOOD... and they'll eat it!

RIVER anglers will by now be suffering withdrawal symptoms, especially those who haven't even had a dabble on a stillwater since March 15.

To whet your appetite for next season, we've been over to Ireland where river fishing is, and always has been, legal.

Turn to p.48/49's Action Replay and you'll appreciate the skills and delights of float fishing on natural rivers.

When putting the feature together, we couldn't help but wonder how many anglers sat around a modern pool would know what a stick float is... let alone how to use one. Deadly in the right hands, on the right venues, they've become forgotten tools of the tackle box.

WE WISH you a thoroughly enjoyable Bank Holiday weekend, and hope you can get along to a newsagents early next week. Demand for our issue on sale Tuesday, May 8 will be extra high. Why? Because we're bringing you a full 100m spool (4.4 lb breaking strain) of the most-exciting new line being released this spring: Ultima Power Match. Catch you next week!

**Tim Knight** EDITOR