

Fishery News

Week ending 12 April 2009

- **12 Year old Jacob has a cracking Easter at Pitsford Water**

Jacob Hunt of Irchester lands 8 fish for 21lb

- **11lb 13oz Rainbow is season's best at Ravensthorpe**

Every week the Rainbows get heavier - season's best so far goes to John Hunt of Earl Shilton

- **Wonderful 7lb Rainbow for Will at Pitsford Water**

Will Linnell of Holcott weighs-in this week's best Rainbow

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Pitsford, Ravensthorpe & Hollowell 01604 781350,
Taverham Mills Fishery 01603 861014; Alton Water 01473 589105
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Rutland Water

Fish week 1571 (season 2,699) returns 332 (501) rod average 4.73(5.38)

Rutland Water is fishing extremely well with both boat and bank anglers catching well with good numbers of limits being taken. Fish are feeding very hard on masses of buzzers and daphnia while last year's roach fry are showing up in numbers of fish.

Overwintered fish are now showing in some areas. Frank Sumnall and Dave Critchlow had some fantastic looking fish around the 3lb mark last Friday. Best fish of the week was an overwintered Rainbow weighing 5lb 2oz taken by Paul Wills whilst fishing off East Creek. Paul from Sleaford used a Di3 and black and green lures casting into a strong southwest wind last Wednesday.

Fish are being caught in most areas with the main basing, Sailing Club, Old Hall, Dickenson's Bay and Yellowstone's featuring well. Prospects are very good with plenty of food for fish to feed on with one or two already starting to show on the surface on calm days. Fish are feeding very hard on masses of buzzers and daphnia.

Best Rainbow 5lb 2oz taken by Paul Wills of Sleaford

Best boat areas Normanton - Sykes Lane, Old Hall, Sailing Club, Gibbets, Barnsdale, Dickenson's

Best bank areas Church Bay, Normanton, Whitwell, Sykes Lane, Old Hall, Dickenson's Bay

Best methods Bank - floating and intermediate lines with various lures and buzzers, bloodworm, minkies, boobies.

Boat as for bank with various sinking lines.

Mid week boat winner Paul Bryan of Leicester

Fish stocked 2,000

Forthcoming events 18 April **Anglian Water Airflo International Northern heat (all boats**

booked) 01572 653021

25 April **Anglian Water Spring Rudder Match**

26 April **Lexus European Individual Qualifier**

27 April **Lexus European Team Qualifier**

6 May **Bob Church Classic**

12 May **Tuesday Evening Boat Leagues commence**

Beginners course s - 19 April; 2,8,16 & 30 May and throughout the season.

Grafham Water

Fish week 708 (season 2,373) returns 186 (587) rod average 3.8 (4.04)

Grafham Water is fishing well again this week with plenty of anglers catching their limits from both the bank and boat. The bank anglers have continued to catch from the usual hotspots from along the North shore e.g. The Stumps, Hedge End, Deep Water Point and G Buoy as well as Plummer's and Gaynes Cove when the wind has allowed access to these banks.

The boat anglers have also caught in these areas on buzzers or nymphs, the same as the bank anglers have. Boat anglers are reporting that the over wintered fish and the early/pre season stock fish are now feeding out in the central areas of the main basin.

Buzzers either straight lined or under the bung seem to be the most effective methods.

Best Rainbow 4lb 15oz taken by W Timms of Oldbury

Best Brown 7lb returned by T Blazey of Thetford

Best boat areas Hedge End, G Buoy, Deep Water Point, Bowl of Dam, Main Bowl

Best bank areas The Stumps, Hill Farm, G Buoy, Deep Water Point, Plummer's

Mid week boat winner Michael Facey of Bedford

Fish stocked 2,000

Forthcoming events 19 April **Lexus European Individual Qualifier**

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20 April **Lexus European Team Qualifier**

26 April **EDFF & GWFFA** 01480 810531

3 May **Mixed Pairs**

12 May Tuesday Evening Boat Leagues commence

18 May Troutmasters (reservoir closed to all non competitors, bank fishing from 5pm onwards)

Beginners' course s - 26 April;

9 & 27 May and throughout the season.

Pitsford Water

Fish week 476 (season 3,009) returns 119 (608) rod average 4.0(4.9)

Pitsford has continued to fish well this week from the bank and boat with some lovely fish being caught.

Jacob Hunt aged 12, from Irchester, had a great start to his Easter Holiday when he fished with his

Granddad in a boat in the small half at Pitsford. Jacob landed 8 fish for 21lb all on buzzers with a floating line. His friend Gordon, also fishing with his Granddad, had 8 fish for 16____½lb on buzzers.

Will Linnell, a season ticket holder from Holcott, Northampton, took the best fish of the week. Will landed a lovely Rainbow, which was just over 7lb. It was taken on a booby on a sinking line at No Fish Point.

The trout are being taken on buzzers, nymphs, and lures. There have been some good hatches of buzzers now the weather has warmed up a bit.

Floating lines with buzzers, Diawl Bachs or small nymphs have been the best method. Sinking lines with lures or boobies have also been catching some fish.

Best Rainbow 7lb taken by Will Linnell of Holcott, Northampton

Best boat areas Bog Bay, North Farm Bay, Pines, small Half

Best bank areas Bog Bay, Stilton Point, No fish Point, Pines, Small Half

Mid week boat winner K Fairey of Northampton

Fish stocked 2,000

Forthcoming events Trout Masters fish off 18 April

Beginners courses 25 April; 9,13 & 23 May & throughout the season

Ravensthorpe Reservoir

Fish week 460 (season 3,374) returns 89 (550) rod average 5.12(6.1)

Anglers have caught plenty of big fish at Ravensthorpe this week. Top spot was taken by John Hunt of Earl Shilton with Ravensthorpe's best Rainbow of the season so far weighing in at 11lb 13oz. John took this lovely fish on a green Montana. Plenty of other big fish were recorded this week including a 9lb 4oz Rainbow for G Armstrong, Malcolm Eade recorded 9lb 10oz taken on a damsel, Nick Gray 9lb 2oz and L Urquhart 8lb 1oz.

Improving weather conditions have seen increased hatches of both buzzers and olives with fish prepared to feed nearer the surface at times during the day. Best methods are floating lines in 10 -15 feet of water using size 12 black/red buzzers, diawls and GRHE - very slow retrieve patterns score best.

Bank anglers using floating and intermediate lines have found sport best mid morning to mid afternoon with some good bags of 2lb plus fish coming to bloodworm, black and green buzzer and montanas.

Best Rainbow 11lb 3oz taken by John Hunt of Earl Shilton

Best boat areas All areas in 12 - 16 feet of water

Best bank areas Platforms 3-12