

Fishery News

Week ending 1 March 2009

- **Ravensthorpe Reservoir is first of Anglian Water's 'big four' to open**
Rod average of 6.2 for first weekend of the new season

- **Countdown to opening**

Pitsford Water Saturday 7 March
Grafham Water Saturday 14 March
Rutland Water Wednesday 1 April

- **Pick of the permits at 2008 prices**
Season tickets now on sale at our lodges
Rutland Water 01780 686441
Grafham Water 01480 810531
Pitsford Water 01604 781350

- **Latest coarse fishing news from Taverham and Ardleigh**

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Pitsford, Ravensthorpe & Hollowell 01604 781350,
Taverham Mills Fishery 01603 861014; Alton Water 01473 589105
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Opening weekend at Ravensthorpe Reservoir

Ravensthorpe Reservoir is off to a good start with a rod average of 6.2 for the first two days of the new season. Boat anglers had the best fishing. Graham Smith who virtually lives on Ravensthorpe's doorstep caught steadily on a floating line and a green and black tin head. Andy Thom, Graham's boat partner also caught well throughout the day. Northampton anglers Pat Flynn and Brian Coleman had a successful start catching and releasing several fish to the boat. Plenty of

fish were caught on the usual early season favourites ie black and green lures - Cats Whiskers etc on mainly intermediate and slow sink. Floating lines with long leaders and buzzers should be worth a try.

2009 Preview

We celebrated our first winner of 2009 before the season had even started.

From the weekly returns submitted by our season ticket holders we hold an annual draw. The lucky winner was 2008 season ticket holder Norman Gregory. Norman, of Northampton, wins a valuable Gold season ticket. 2008 prizes have been held for 2009 and season tickets can be purchased from the fishing lodges.

Pitsford Water opens next Saturday 7 March

The 2009 season promises to be a cracker. Senior warden Nathan Clayton recalls the start to 2008. "A fantastic rod average of 5.7 was recorded on Opening Day 2008. Gary Holloway who purchased the first day permit of the morning (and season!) went on to record a total bag of 29lb. Prospects for 2009 look just as good.

Grafham Water opens Saturday 14 March

Grafham Water opens on Saturday 14 March. Anglers can fish for the New Lodge Trophy for the biggest fish caught on Opening Day. The Bob Church Open for the Frank Cutler Memorial Trophy is on 5 April.

Rutland Water opens Wednesday 1 April

Rutland Water re-opens with the Independence Day Trophy for the biggest fish.

Coarse fishing

Ardleigh

The pike fishing season finished with a flourish here at Ardleigh. Craig Acott landed two pike from the bank, one of 12lb and the other 14lb. Colin Easter had five pike from his boat session while Paul Alger had three fish from his two boat sessions with the largest weighing in at 14lb. Martin Brewer fished three times in the final week and had thirteen pike from the western arm of the reservoir with the largest again at 14lb. Jason Beal landed six pike along with over 50lb of roach and skimmer bream from the western arm. Tony Swain also had an excellent bag of 150 roach and rudd from the same A12 end of the lake.

Taverham

Season ticket holder Matthew Dobson enjoyed a red letter day last week taking 5 Carp on Friday - all over 20lb on a day session. Season Ticket holder Johnie Boden took an 18lb 12oz Mirror.