

### **Shaun shines on opening day at Pitsford Water**

Shaun Allen of Market Harborough records 10lb 2oz Rainbow - the best fish on terrific opening day

### **Anglian Water `Help the Heroes' pairs flyfishing competition**

We'll be `seeing stars' at Rutland Water on Saturday 14 August

Bid for a chance to share a boat with a fly-fishing legend. All proceeds from this match and the fantastic fund raising auction that will run alongside will go to the Help the Heroes charity

### **Countdown to opening**

**Grafham Water** Friday 19 March

**Rutland Water** Thursday 1 April

Rutland Water 01780 686441; Grafham Water 01480 810531, Pitsford, Ravensthorpe & Hollowell 01604 781350, Taverham Mills Fishery 01603 861014; Alton Water 01473 589105 Recreation Dept Anglian Water 01572 653021

### **Anglian Water Help for Heroes**

### **Fish with the stars Pairs Fly-fishing competition and charity auction**

### **Rutland Water, Saturday 14 August 2010**

*Trophies and fantastic prizes to be won.*

*Star raffle and charity auction. England international goalkeeper David Seaman is helping with the auction following the meal in the Castaways Restaurant.*

*Competitors are invited to donate an item for the auction or a prize.*

*There are two ways you can enter this event raising funds to support our wounded troops who have been injured in overseas conflicts.*

*Seize the chance of a lifetime to fish with the stars and bid now.*

*Be quick as bidding closes on 1 April when Fisheries Manager Jon Marshall will open the sealed envelopes at Rutland Water's opening day.*

*Submit your bid (minimum reserve £120 which includes fishing and post match meal), along with the name of the star you would like to fish with to:*

#### ***Fish with the Superstars***

*Anglian Water*

*c/o Recreation Dept*

*Wing WTW*

*Morcott Road*

*Wing*

*Oakham*

*LE15 8SA*

***Don't forget to name your star pairing, choose from: -***

***Iain Barr*** - World champion

***Charles Jardine*** - Author, artist and casting guru

***John Horsey*** - Most capped England International

***Craig Barr*** - England Lochstyle team manager

***Gareth Jones*** - Welsh International

***Martha Thomson*** - England Ladies international

***Steve Cullen*** - Total Flyfisher magazine editor

***Simon Kidd*** - England international

***Pair up with a friend and submit your pairs entry to***

*Rutland Water Fishing Lodge*

*Edith Weston,*

*Oakham*

*LE15 8HD*

*Entry fees including fishing costs and post match meal - £120 per pair  
(Further details and sponsorship forms also available from the fishing lodge)*

## **Pitsford Water**

A rod average of 7.5 on opening day was an excellent way to start the season. Lots of limits were recorded and both bank and boat anglers caught equally well. A few over wintered fish have been caught over the weekend. Shaun Allen of Market Harborough caught the best Rainbow on opening day - a fish of 10lb 2oz. Shaun caught the fish at Bog Bay on the west bank of Pitsford.

John Hoskins of Bromsgrove took an impressive limit of fish on the bank on Friday. John caught a fish of 9lb 1oz and three others weighing over 3lb, for a total of over 28lb of fish in his bag. Local angler Nathan Reilly took an 8 fish limit on the bank at North Farm Bay on Friday. His bag limit weighed just over 20lb, with his best fish weighing 4lb 8oz. Anthony Krate of Northampton took 6 fish on the bank including Rainbows of 5lb and 4lb.

Spalding angler Graham Emms boat fished alone on Friday catching 8 fish in one hour in North Farm Bay. He used a Di7 and black and green lure. He later fished as many different areas as possible in search of over wintered fish. Graham went home a happy man catching and releasing a further 18 fish on top of his 8 fish bag.

Jade Tufts of Market Harborough took her limit in no time at all when she fished from the bank on Friday. Jade's 8 fish weighed over 20lb and she was the guest of a season permit holder!

Another angler enjoying the first day of Pitsford's new season was Ian Middleton from Brixworth. Fishing from the bank at Bog Bay Ian used a floating line with an Orange Goldhead Blob to tempt his first fish of the season, a cracking 3lb over wintered rainbow. Ian started fly-fishing with a beginner's course at Pitsford in 2009 and is now a regular at both Pitsford and nearby Ravensthorpe.

Popular spots were the usual early season hot spots - Stilton Point, Bog Bay, Sailing Club Bank, North Farm Bay. A westerly wind confined the bank anglers to these areas, however, with south westerlies forecast access will be opened to new areas and with warmer winds we should see a hatch of fly. Fish are still in small pods so if you are not catching you might need to move 10 yards to your right or left.

Members of Mid Northants Trout Fishers conducted the club's annual litter pick at Pitsford on Sunday. Anglian Water suitably equipped volunteers.

## **Forthcoming events:**

**Beginner's courses:** 14 & 27 March; 3,7 & 24 April; 9,12 & 22 May and other dates throughout the season.

## **Ravensthorpe Reservoir**

Fish week 122 Returns 47 Rod average: 2.6

The best fish of the week weighed 5lb 8oz and was taken by Pat Flynn of Northampton with a green and white lure.

Best Rainbow. 5lb 8oz taken by Pat Flynn of Northampton

Best boat areas. Island to Coton car park

Best bank areas Guilsborough bank

Mid week boat winner Graham Gill of Northampton

Fish stocked 2,060

**Grafham Water opens on Friday 19 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 11 April. **Beginner's courses:** 13,17 & 28 March; 10 & 21 April; 1,8,23 & 27 May and other dates throughout the season.

***Rutland Water re-opens Thursday 1 April*** with the Independence Day Trophy for the biggest fish.

**Beginner's courses:** 20 & 24 March; 11,14 & 18 April; 1,7,15 & 29 May and other dates throughout the season.