

Fishery News Week ending 24 October 2010

- Stunning 6lb 14oz Rainbow is best of the week at Rutland Water
Superb Rainbow falls to Oakham angler Peter de Kremer
- Pick of the best at Pitsford Water
Brilliant Brown of 7lb 1oz for Graham Hutchings
Craig Johnston lands best Rainbow at 6lb 2oz
- Jonathan's joy at weighing in 27lb 8oz Grafham Pike
Jonathan Sturt records Grafham Water's best Pike this season.

Pike fishing dates at our reservoirs

Pitsford until 21 November
Rutland until 28 November
Grafham until 28 November
Ravensthorpe until 14 November
Ardleigh 1 May to 28 February

Bank fishing for pike with lures and dead sea fish over 18cm

Pitsford 1 November to 31 December
Hollowell, Alton & Costessey open all year
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Rutland Water 01780 686441; Grafham Water 01480 810531;
Pitsford, Ravensthorpe & Hollowell 01604 781350,
Taverham Mills Fishery 01603 861014; Alton Water 01473 589105
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Grafham Water

Fish week 563 (28,076) Returns 183 (6,496) Rod average 3.07 (4.32)

The bank fishing is now on top form with most of the fish in the margins gorging themselves on the shrimp. Bank anglers have had some superb sport with the majority of trout being caught on floating lines with small nymphs such as gold ribbed hares ears, crunchers, diawl bachs, shrimp patterns and also some anglers have had a lot of success on dries such as black and peacock spiders, claret hoppers and daddies.

The main areas of success for the bank anglers this week have been Deep Water Point, Pylon Point, G bank, Marlow Stones, the Willows and the whole of the Dam. The dam wall has yielded both the best brown and the best rainbow of the week. The most productive areas for boat anglers have been G Buoy, the Willows, Deep Water Point, Gaynes Cove, the Seat, Sanctuary Bay and Valley Creek.

The best Rainbow of the week was taken by Alan Newton who took a lovely 5lb 8oz specimen from the dam wall. Derek Bravington took the best brown of the week, also from the dam wall. Derek was fishing in the GWFFA bank match and used a cats whisker to take the 3lb 6oz Brown.

Pike fishing

Jonathan Sturt recently caught a fantastic 27lb 8oz Pike. Jonathan fished near the Nature Reserve, using an 8" replicant. Predator anglers are reporting some mid doubles from around the North tower with the Zander anglers catching from around the inlets in the area of I buoy with Zander being caught up to 16lb.

Competition news

GWFFA held a bank match on Saturday with nine hardy anglers braving the cold and wind. The first angler back to the lodge at 12.30pm was Harley Smith who fished at the Seat and took his first four fish on dries, also managing three double hook ups on dries. The best fish of the match was a stunning Rainbow taken by Derek Bravington. Derek braved the head on winds on the dam to take this lovely 4lb 8oz Rainbow, he also had another Rainbow of 4lb 6oz and the best Brown of the week at 3lb 6oz.

1st Mark Brinkman 8 fish for 18lb

2nd John Vincent 8 fish for 16lb 12oz

3rd Derek Bravington 5 fish for 15lb 12oz

4th Harley Smith 8 fish for 15lb 6oz

Best Rainbow 5lb 8oz taken by Alan Newton.

Best Brown 3lb 6oz taken by Derek Bravington.

Best boat areas The Seat, G buoy, dam, Willows, Gaynes Cove, Deep Water Point, Sanctuary Bay, Valley Creek.

Best bank areas Willows, G buoy, Deep Water Point, Pylon Point, Marlow Stones, Dam.

Mid week boat winner Mr Blazey of Wretham, Thetford.

Forthcoming events:

Please call the fishing lodge to check for boat availability 01480 810531

Pike fishing

Fishing with lures and dead sea fish over 18cm

11 October to 28 November.

Please note that electric outboard motors are not permitted at Rutland, Grafham or Pitsford.

New Rules for Pike anglers

Please note the conditions in place due to the confirmed presence of *Dikerogammarus villosus* at Grafham Water

Pike anglers **must** use the landing nets and anchors provided at the fishing lodge and **may not** use their own equipment.

Beginners courses: 31 October; 13 & 21 November.

Anglian Water Rudder match 30 October

Grafham Water Fur & Feather 12 December

Due to the confirmed presence of *Dikerogammarus villosus* at Grafham Water additional bio-security measures are now in place to ensure the shrimp is contained on site. This means that anglers need to follow new rules when fishing at Grafham Water.

New Rules at Grafham Water:

Bank anglers

- On arrival at Grafham Water you must register that you are bank fishing at the tackle shop by phone or in person (01480 810531).
- When the tackle shop is closed with the Duty Warden on 07801 674683.
- Before departing you must return to the fishing lodge bio-security point so that all of your

- equipment (waders, line tray, net, bass bag, etc.) can be hosed down.
- Duty Warden will then sign you off as able to leave site.
- No bank fishing before 08.00.
- Bank anglers to be back at the lodge by the boat in time (to allow washing off before dark).
- When boats are off the water this season, anglers will be advised of the time to be back.

Boat anglers

- You will automatically be registered at the fishing lodge when collecting your boat number.
 - Drogues and nets will be provided and you must not use your own.
 - On return to the pontoon you will be directed to the bio-security point so that the remainder of your equipment (boots, bass bag, etc.) can be hosed down.
 - Duty warden will then sign you off as able to leave site.
- Pike anglers
Pike anglers must use the landing nets and anchors provided at the fishing lodge and may not use their own equipment.

We apologize for the inconvenience and shortened bank fishing time, but are sure anglers will understand the seriousness of this situation, and the need to take these steps to allow fishing to continue.

As always your co-operation is very much appreciated.

Rutland Water

Fish week 438(season 35,478) Returns 190 (9,885) Rod average 2.3(3.58)

Oakham's Peter De-Kremer netted the best fish of the week at Rutland Water - a stunning 6lb 14oz Rainbow. Although Peter's favourite method is dry fly, this time it was a floating fry in the North Arm Shallows that did the trick.

Good numbers of fish are coming off the boats with one or two limits along with grown on Browns and Rainbows. Most methods are working with fry patterns, dries and nymphs accounting for the larger specimens with fish, again, coming out from many different areas.

This is normally the time of year for specimen fish with good fish coming out each day. Anglers are reminded that from Friday 29 October any Browns caught must be returned to the water.

Boats will be available up to the last weekend of November ie 28th. Please phone the fishing lodge to check availability - booking is essential. Winter restrictions commence on 1 November. From this date anglers will have the option to purchase the current 4 fish all day permit for the price of a half day permit.

Competition news

The George Moore Memorial match was fished on Saturday 23 October. Plenty of fish were caught, despite the unsettled conditions, with heavy showers and gusting winds. The match was decided on the best brace of fish which went to Mick Bennett and Mr Clark. The pair weighed in a 4lb 6oz Rainbow and a 3lb 2oz Brown.

1st Mick Bennett and Mr Clark 7lb 8oz

2nd Phil Clamp and Mike Burnside 7lb 3oz

3rd Paul Kirkup and Mr Lawrence 6lb 6oz

Best Rainbow 6lb 14oz taken by Peter De Kremer of Oakham.
Best Brown 5lb 8oz taken by Mr J Bulmer of Spalding.
Best boat areas The main basin, bottom of either arm.
Best bank areas East Creek, New Zealand Point, Yellowstone, the Finches, Carrot Creek, Barnhill
Creek, Normanton, Sykes Lane, Whitwell.
Best methods Fry patterns, nymphs and lures, dries all working for both bank and boat anglers.
Mid week boat winner Ron Lusardi of Hemel Hempstead.

Forthcoming events:

Pike fishing

Fishing with lures and dead sea fish over 18cm 12 October to 28 November.

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Beginners courses: 30 October; 20 & 27 November.

Rutland Fur & Feather (bank match) 5 December

Pitsford Water

Fish week 218 (season 14,955) Returns 115 (4,523) Rod average 1.9 (3.3)

Top spot this week at Pitsford Water went to Craig Johnston with a superb 6lb 2oz Rainbow taken from the New Gorse area. Craig fished a size 10 white minnie on an intermediate line. The best Brown weighed 7lb 1oz and was taken by Graham Hutchings with a minnie fished tight to the weedbeds. Andy Brimley enjoyed a good session boat fishing the small half taking two fish of 3lb, one of 4lb and a Pike.

Both bank and boat anglers have enjoyed some cracking sport this week. Boat anglers have been taking fry feeding Rainbows and Browns on the weed edges. Sailing club bank and the Narrows have been the predominant areas with Duffers, Sermons, Pitsford Creek and Stone Barn also producing fish.

Boat anglers should anchor or drift the weed fringes and fish fry imitators on a floating or sink tip line for best results.

Pitsford Water hosts the annual Fur and Feather on 14 November. This is a four fish match fished from 9.00am to 4.00pm, followed by hot refreshments and a beer or soft/hot drink. Cost per person is £32 to cover 1/2 boat, 4 fish permit, food and a contribution to the prizes.

Please call the fishing lodge on 01604 781350 to book a place.

Boats will remain on the water until Sunday 21 November.

Anglers are reminded that the Brown season ends on 29 October.

Pike fishing

There are plenty of fish to 12lb being taken on lures with one or two bigger doubles recorded on dead sea bait. The Pines, North Farm Bay and the Small Half are all producing fish. The heaviest Pike so far this season weighed 38½lb and was taken by David Jarvis.

Best Rainbow 6lb 2oz taken by Craig Johnston.
Best Brown 7lb 1oz taken by Graham Hutchings.
Best boat areas Sailing Club, Boils, Narrows (weedbeds).
Best bank areas Sermons, Rigbys Point, Stone Barn.
Mid week boat winner Mr Warne of Watford.

Forthcoming events:

Beginners course: 6 November.

Fur and Feather 14 November for details see report.

Anglers are reminded that the Brown season ends on 29 October.

Pike fishing - boat fishing with lures over 18cm. 1 October to 21 November.

Please note that electric outboard motors are not permitted at Rutland, Grafham or Pitsford. Boat fishing for Pike ends on Sunday 14 November. Please telephone the fishing lodge on 01604 770875 for details and boat bookings.

Ravensthorpe Reservoir

Fishing has been increasingly rewarding for boat anglers who have persevered until later in the day. Most afternoons have seen some challenging fishing. Highlight of the week at Ravensthorpe was the Bob Church Trophy match with 14 boats accounting for 66 fish.

Cats whiskers and minkies fished slowly on static around the margins are amongst the best methods.

The pike season is now in full swing and it can't be long before Ravensthorpe gives up one of its legendary monsters.

Best Rainbow 8lb 4oz

Mid week boat winner Mr Tallett of Daventry.

Anglers are reminded that the Brown season ends on 29 October.

Ravensthorpe Fur and Feather (boat) 7 November