

Fishery News Week ending 3 October 2010

· **Anglers from across Europe head to Rutland Water**
Rutland Water hosts final of prestigious Anglian Water Airflo International

· **Grafham Water in great form with rod average of 4.21**

· **Pike dates for your diary**

Boat fishing with barbless lures and dead sea fish over 18cm
At Pitsford only available every day, excluding Saturdays.

Plus the following dates inclusive

fishing with lures and dead sea fish over 18cm

Pitsford 1 October to 21 November

Rutland 12 October to 28 November

Grafham 11 October to 28 November

Ravensthorpe 18 October to 21 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
Recreation Dept Anglian Water 01572 653021

Grafham Water

Fish week 713 (26,039) Returns 169 (5,864) Rod average 4.21 (4.44)

Grafham Water has continued to fish well this week for both bank and boat anglers with the vast majority of the trout being caught on small nymphs from around the margins of the reservoir. The biggest trout of the week was caught by Robert Garret whilst bank fishing from the Harbour. Robert caught a superb conditioned over wintered Rainbow of 5lb 3oz on a floating line with a small cats whisker. The best bag of the week also fell to a bank angler - S Jones who caught 8 trout for a cracking weight of 22lb 7oz.

Bank anglers have had some terrific sport this week from Perry point, the Seat, Gaynes Cove, Deep Water Point, G bank, Harbour and the Willows which have all produced very good consistent bank fishing. The main tactics for the bank anglers this week have been floating lines with diawl bachs, crunchers, GRHE, PTN, Ivan's green and brown, minkies and small cats whiskers fished slowly.

Boat anglers have also had a tremendous week's fishing mainly by fishing the margins at the Seat, Gaynes Cove, Deep Water Point, G Buoy, the Willows and Pig Bay. The main tactics for the boat anglers have been floating/fast glass lines with claret hoppers, dabblers, diawl bachs, crunchers, GRHE, PTN and small cats whiskers.

Competition News

English Fly Fishing Association B C Hall

24 Anglers took part in this competition catching 124 trout giving a cracking rod average

of 5.17. Top rod on the day was season ticket holder Chris McLeod of Ashton, near Peterborough, who caught 8 trout weighing 17lb 5oz. Chris's tactics on the day was to fish a slow glass line at G Buoy with a Tequila booby on the point with a cruncher and diawl bach on the droppers with an orange blob on the point.

1st Chris McLeod 8 fish for 17lb 5oz
2nd Andy Linwood 8 fish for 15lb 5oz
3rd Julian Davies 8 fish for 15lb 4oz
Best fish Julian Davies 3lb 14oz.

Guest results

1st Mick O'Farrell 8 fish for 18lb 13oz
2nd Ed Foster 8 fish for 15lb 0oz
3rd Mick Stevens 7 fish for 12lb 7oz
Best fish Mick O'Farrell 3lb 5oz.

Best Rainbow 5lb 3oz Taken by Robert Garret.

Best Brown 2lb 8oz Taken by R Pryor.

Best boat areas The Seat, G Buoy, North Dam, Willows, Pig Bay, Gaynes Cove, Deep Water Point.

Best bank areas Willows, the Seat, G Buoy, Plummer Park/Gaynes Cove, Perry Point, Deep Water Point.

Best methods See report.

Mid week boat winner John Bretherick of Perry.

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.

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: 9,24 and 31 October; 13 & 21 November.

Fry Bashers 16 October all boats booked.

Anglian Water Rudder match 30 October

Rutland Water

Fish week 679 (season 31,981) Returns 175(8,599) Rod average 3.88(3.71)

All eyes are now on Rutland Water with the finals of the prestigious Anglian Water Airflo International about to get under way. Read next week's report to find out who has been crowned 2010 champions.

Prospects look good with big fish are on the move with numerous Browns and Rainbows between 3 and 4lb being taken on a variety of methods. The best Rainbow last week weighed in at 6lb 2oz and was taken by Northborough angler Keith Jones. Keith bank fished to take his fish with a booby humungus as well as a Brown of 4lb 12oz and three others around the 3lb mark. Mel Spence of Newton on Ouse, York, netted a 6lb Rainbow. Mel, who was boat fishing up the North Arm, was delighted with his fish which fell to a dry daddy. He went on to catch another Rainbow of 3lb and a 2lb Brown.

Fish are being caught in many areas of the reservoir by boat and bank anglers. Many fish have turned their attention to sticklebacks, roach and bream fry with some of the bigger fish also feeding on large snails. Fly life is still good with various sized buzzers coming off with olives in small numbers showing as well. Corixa and daphnia are also on the trout diet.

Competition news

Cleveland Police

This match was won by John Richardson with 8 fish for 18lb 12oz. 15 Anglers caught an impressive 69 fish between them. The best fish - a 4lb 1¼oz Rainbow was taken by Peter Rounce.

Notts Police FFC

Seven anglers had a great day with 35 fish caught. Top rod was Mr P Hind with 8 fish weighing 17lb 15oz. The best fish, a 5lb 2oz Brown, fell to Tony Smith using a Daddy Longlegs whilst boat fishing up the North Arm.

Prospects are excellent as there are increasing numbers of big fish showing with a good proportion of them being Browns.

Bank anglers are taking fish during the day. However, it is well worth an early morning or late evening session at this time of the year. Boat anglers are taking the better fish in relatively shallow water and along the shoreline.

The Autumn Boat Pairs match is being held this Saturday 9 October. Spaces are still available with around 30 boats already booked.

Pike fishing with lures and dead sea fish over 18cm commences at Rutland Water on 12 October and runs to 28 November. Please note that electric outboard motors are not permitted at Rutland, Grafham or Pitsford.

Best Rainbow 6lb 2oz taken by Keith Jones of Northborough, Peterborough.

Best Brown 5lb 12oz taken by M Quinlam of Bourne on Saturday from a boat off Normanton Church.

Best boat areas The main basin, Old Hall, Laxhill, Manton, Browns Island, Yellowstone, The Finches, Tim Appletons, Transformer.

Best bank areas Normanton, Sykes Lane, Old Hall, the Finches, fishing lodge frontage, New Zealand Point, Transformer.

Best methods Bank - Nymphs, dries, fry patterns.

Boat - As for bank but include various mini lures, gold/silver sparklers, boobies, cormorants on various sinking lines.

Mid week boat winner John Innes of Sleaford.

Forthcoming events:

Pike fishing

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

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Pitsford.

Airflo International final - all boats booked 4-6 October inclusive

Anglian Water Autumn Pairs 9 October

Pairs Rudder match for George Moore Memorial Trophy 23 October

Beginners courses: 16 & 30 October; 20 & 27 November.

Pitsford Water

Fish week 381 (13,948) Returns 169 (4,093) Rod average 2.2 (3.4)

Fish have really started on the fry now, with some good Rainbows falling for Minkies and floating fry fished sub surface. Snail patterns are also well worth a try around weed beds. Bank and boats are still as good as each other, as weed beds are breaking down and fish are moving closer in. Boat anglers are taking good bags on the rudder with tubes.

Sea gulls have been seen occasionally working together with the trout as they push up coarse fish fry, so look out for the gulls!

Fish have been coming on the feed in the afternoons and have been taken on a variety of methods from floating lines and dries to slow sinking lines and fry patterns or blobs. Stewart Rowe took the afternoon off work and fished in heavy rain, but it paid off! He landed a 5lb Rainbow on a white lure in Stone Barn Bay on a floating line.

Best Rainbow 5lb Taken by Stuart Rowe of Kingsthorpe, Northampton.

Best Brown 4lb.

Best boat areas The Narrows, Sailing Club and Stone Barn Bay.

Best bank areas The Cliffs, Stone Barn Point, Northfields shore.

Best methods See report.

Mid week boat winner Peter Daniels of Northampton.

Forthcoming events:

Beginners courses: 10 and 23 October; 6 November.

All boats booked 13 October (AW versus EA match).

Pike fishing - boat fishing with lures over 18cm. Available every day excluding

Saturdays to end of September, then daily 1 October to 21 November.

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Ravensthorpe Reservoir

Fish week 74 (season 10,869) Returns 48(2,525)

The fishing at Ravensthorpe has not been easy this week with some boat anglers struggling. The most successful boat anglers have brought 16 fish to the boat using Di7 lines and blobs stripped across the bottom. Some boat anglers have been successful fishing at a variety of depths with buzzers and small nymphs.

The bank has been fishing slightly better with fish being taken from platforms 3 to 12. Platforms 11 and 12 continue to fish the best with the majority of fish hanging around the Domes and Tall Willows. Bank anglers have been catching on intermediate lines and black goldhead buzzers or small diawl bachs and crunchers fished slowly.

Best Rainbow 4lb.

Best boat areas The Domes, Coton end, The Willows.

Best bank areas Platforms 11 and 12, the Domes.

Best methods See report.

Mid week boat winner Mr Yates of East Haddon.

Pike fishing

Boat fishing for Pike commences on Monday 18 October. Please telephone the fishing lodge on 01604 770875 for details and boat bookings.