

Fishery News Week ending 12 September 2010

· **Anglian Water's WaterAid Fly Fishing Challenge is a huge success**

Rutland Water hosts popular event with some great assistance from Rutland Water Flyfishers acting as gillies

· **Hi five! Rutland Water rod average hits 5.0**

· **Terrific Autumn sport at Pitsford Water with a rod average of 3.8**

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**The presence of *Dikeroгамmarus villosus* has been confirmed at Grafham Water**

**What is it?**

A highly invasive non-native species of shrimp that has spread from the Ponto-Caspian Region of Eastern Europe. As a voracious predator it kills a range of native species, including young fish and significantly alters ecosystems.

There are no risks to the health & safety of our visitors or the quality of water in the reservoir.

**How do you identify it?**

- Total body length of up to 30mm (large for a freshwater amphipod).
- May appear striped or uniform in coloration pattern.
- Mandibles are relatively large.
- Behaviour is particularly vicious and destructive.

**What is the urgency?**

- This is the first known outbreak in Great Britain. It is vital that we try to stop its spread to new locations. It is spread inadvertently by people.

**To stop the spread of this species**

**Before using the water:**

- All equipment must be dry if previously used at another water.
- If not dry, it must be thoroughly hosed down before use, at areas provided.

**After using the water**

- Hose down all equipment, including wetsuits, waders, boots, nets, drogues, bass bags, etc.
- Inspect and clean boats, boards and launching trailers.
- Drain all bilge water from boats before leaving site.
- Make sure no water is taken away with your equipment
- Remove and destroy any shrimps found.

**Grafham Water**

**Fish week 524 (23,248) Returns 155 (5,224) Rod average 3.38(4.45)**

Bank fishing at Grafham Water has greatly improved this week with bank anglers finding fish off

the Seat, Perry Point and G Buoy. Most of the fish are feeding on shrimps so hares ears and pheasant tail nymphs are working the best.

The boat anglers have also enjoyed a good week in the same areas as well as out in the middle, mainly fishing on fast glass, washing line style with a two tone booby on the point and a team of red ribbed diawl bachs and crunchers in front of it.

### **Competition news**

The AMFC held their round 5 match on Wednesday for groups 3 and 4 with nine teams of six anglers.

#### Group 3

- 1<sup>st</sup> Fish Hawks `B' 37 fish for 76lb 4oz
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Iver F.C 33 fish for 66lb 4oz
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Invicta A 32 fish for 66lb
- 4<sup>th</sup> Soldier Palmers `B' 31 fish for 61lb 13oz
- 5<sup>th</sup> GWFFA `B' 29 fish for 60lb 5oz

#### Group 4

- 1<sup>st</sup> English Police 37 fish for 73lb
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tunbridge Wells FFS 38 fish for 72lb 14oz
- 3<sup>rd</sup> EMTFA 35 fish for 69lb 11oz
- 4<sup>th</sup> Invicta `B' 16 fish for 27lb 12oz

Best boat areas The Seat, Sludge Bank, G Buoy, Rectory Bay, Sailing Club Bay, Lodge frontage.

Best bank areas Willows, the Seat, G Buoy, Deep Water Point, Plummer Park.

Best methods See report.

Mid week boat winner James Woodruff.

### **Forthcoming events:**

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

**Beginners courses:** 22 & 26 September; 9,24 and 31 October.

### **Rutland Water**

**Fish week 1,785 (season 28,695) Returns 357 (7,652) Rod average 5.0 (3.75)**

Rutland Water is in stunning form with a rod average of 5 for the week. Most fish have been taken by boat anglers. The best fish of the week was a 5lb 5oz Rainbow taken by Graham Pearson

of Houghton on the Hill. Graham boat fished down the South Arm using floating fry. Another good fish this week weighed in at 5lb 4oz. This was taken by Dave Porter of Edith Weston whilst fishing a dry daddy off the bank at Fantasy Island.

Dave Doherty guided two clients early in the week and they took Browns and Rainbows up to 4lb drifting along close to the shoreline.

### **Competition news**

#### **Anglian Water WaterAid Fly Fishing Challenge**

Ninety six anglers representing twenty three teams took part in this year's AWWAFFIC WaterAid Competition held at Rutland Water on Friday 10 September. Rutland Water Fly Fishers Club provided many of the ghillies and boatmen for the competition, and the novice anglers taking part were able to take advantage of their local advice and casting tuition.

The fish were in the top couple of feet and all that was needed was a floating or Midge Tip line and a Minkie, as top boatman Mick Brooksby soon discovered. "We found fish high in the water just off the Dam wall," Mick explained. "It was pretty hairy at times especially turning into the wind to motor back to start a new drift. But the fish responded well to the Minkies and both my anglers had their eight fish by 2.30pm."

Last year's winners Northumbrian Water made it two in a row taking the team title with 20 fish for 42lb 2oz with IWS Tipplers claiming second place with the help of Mick Brooksby's anglers John McGuckin and Matt Pluke. This pair won Mick the Top Boatman prize with 16 fish for 29lb 4oz. The prize for smallest fish was awarded to Ian Smith for a 1lb 6oz rainbow.

Results:

Individual - Experienced

1<sup>st</sup> Brian Lillie 8 fish for 16lb 12oz

2<sup>nd</sup> Paul Harris 7 fish for 13lb 3oz

3<sup>rd</sup> Scott Everett 5 fish for 10lb 11oz

Largest Fish: Paul Dimbleby brown trout 3lb 4oz

Individual - Novice

1<sup>st</sup> Peter Aspley 8 fish for 17lb 13oz

2<sup>nd</sup> Dave Feasey 8 fish for 16lb 7oz

3<sup>rd</sup> = Dan Blunt 8 fish for 14lb 14oz

3<sup>rd</sup>= John McGuckin 8 fish for 14lb 14oz

Largest Fish: Greg Clare rainbow 4lb 15oz

Teams

1<sup>st</sup> Northumbrian Water 20 fish for 42lb 2oz

2<sup>nd</sup> IWS Tiplers 20 fish for 39lb 8oz

3<sup>rd</sup> IWS Hookers 16 fish for 32lb 6oz

4<sup>th</sup> Projective 3 18 fish for 31lb 5oz

5<sup>th</sup> RSK Kingfishers 14 fish for 27lb 8oz

### **Association of Major Clubs - Saturday 11 September**

Group 1

1<sup>st</sup> Hanningfield

2<sup>nd</sup> Fish Hawks `A'

3<sup>rd</sup> Rutland Water Fly Fishers

4<sup>th</sup> Bristol Reservoir.

5<sup>th</sup> Bewl Bridge `A'

Rod average of 4.97

Group 2

1<sup>st</sup> Queen Mother FF

2<sup>nd</sup> Soldier Palmers `A'

3<sup>rd</sup> GWFFA `A'

4<sup>th</sup> RN & RM AA

5<sup>th</sup> Bewl Bridge FC `B'

Rod average 4.2.

Prospects

Now that fry and stickleback are showing bigger fish will start to show in many areas of the reservoir. Fly hatches are still occurring in steady numbers with a few olives coming off. Corixa, daphnia and snails are in the diet but as yet no Daddy Long Legs in large numbers.

Best Rainbow 5lb 5oz Taken by Graham Pearson.

Best Brown 3lb 9oz Taken by Hugh Frew of Kent.

Best boat areas Aerators to Normanton. Yellowstone to Inmans Spinney and Spud Bay. Lax Hill, Manton, top of the North Arm.

Best bank areas Normanton, Sykes Lane, North shore of the peninsula, New Zealand Point.

Best methods Bank - dries, nymphs and fry patterns.

Boat - As for bank but include various sinking lines with lures, gold/silver tubes.

Mid week boat winner Anthony Rice of Congleton.

Fish stocked 2,000.

#### **Forthcoming events:**

Please remember that from May through to September boat anglers have to cease fishing by 8pm on Mondays and Wednesdays only.

**Anglian Water Autumn Pairs** 9 October

**Pairs Rudder match for George Moore Memorial Trophy** 23 October

**Beginners courses:** 15 & 18 September; 3,16 & 30 October.

#### **Pitsford Water**

**Fish week 494 (13,139) Returns 127 (3,775) Rod average 3.8 (3.4)**

Pitsford is fishing well with a rod average of 3.8 which is very good for the time of year. Traditional patterns like silver invictas and mini muddlers have taken fish. The other usual patterns like diawl bachs fished with the washing line combination have been very effective.

The Causeway has been one of the best spots recently along with the bottom end of the Narrows. Holiday package anglers reported good bags taken from the dam wall which has been quiet lately.

Bank anglers have been catching a few fish close to weed beds. The best option is to fish flies that float or keep just under the surface. Most of the trout food is coming to the surface so they are not far away. The single fly approach is the best as droppers get caught in the weed when large Rainbows are attached. Areas to try where there are gaps in the weed are Northfields Shore, Stone Barn, Gravels, Rigby's Point.

Best Rainbow 5lb Taken by Nick Nicholson of Haselbech, Northampton.

Best Brown 3lb Taken by C Gaynon of Northampton.

Best boat areas Narrows, Gravels, Rigbys Point, Northfields Shore.

Best bank areas Gravells, Rigby's Point, Northfields Shore.

Best methods See report.

Mid week boat winner Daniel Fenton of Bugbrooke, Northampton.

Fish stocked 500

### **Forthcoming events:**

**Beginners course:** 25 September; 2,10 and 23 October.

**Pike fishing - boat fishing** with lures over 18cm. Available daily excluding Saturdays.

### **Ravensthorpe Reservoir**

#### **Fish week 230 (10,361) Returns 87 (2,347) Rod average 2.6 (4.4)**

A challenging week at Ravensthorpe with lots of fish showing but proving tricky to catch. The best bag of the week fell to Cliff Waters of Deeping St James. Cliff retained two fish and returned 13 others. Switching between nymphs and dries did the trick. One or two good catches have come to traditional wets fished on the drift using an intermediate line.

Mr A Twaites of Coventry fished with us on Sunday, starting with the nymphs he had little success so switched to an intermediate line and a white minky and had two fish in two casts and plenty of others after that.

GWFFA held a boat match on Sunday and opted to fish dries only. The conditions were against them but 11 anglers caught 51 trout. Chris Bobby took top spot with 9 Rainbows. Yusiry Smith landed 7 and Nick Preston managed 6. Hoppers, bob's bits and daddies were the top flies.

Best boat areas Coton End.

Best bank areas Platforms 4-12.

Best methods Dry flies, nymphs fished in the top three feet of water. Traditional wets and intermediate lines.

Mid week boat winner David Norman of Ipswich.