

Fishery News Week ending 26 September 2010

• **Isle of Man angler Kevin is king at Rutland Water**

Kevin Walmsley lands best Rainbow of the week at 6lb 8oz and the best Brown at 5lb 10oz

• **Pitsford Water's best Rainbow weighs in at 6lb 10oz for Welsh angler**

Will Davies and his chums make the most of their holiday fishing at Pitsford.

• **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 seafish 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 405 (25,326) Returns 125 (5,695) Rod average 3.2(4.4)

Grafham Water has once again fished well for both bank and boat anglers with the vast majority of trout being caught on floating lines with small nymphs. Bank anglers have had some superb sport this week on floating lines with diawl bachs, crunchers, gold ribbed hares ears, pheasant tail nymphs and claret hoppers from most areas of the reservoir. Perry Point, the Seat, Gaynes Cove, G bank and the Willows at the North End of the Dam have been the most consistent areas. Season ticket holder Roland Hudson from Offord has had a very good week bank fishing. On his four visits to Grafham Water Roland caught and released 23 trout by fishing a floating line with a mixture of small nymphs from the G bank and the Willows.

Brian Knight, who is also a season ticket holder living in Offord, caught the biggest trout of the week, a cracking over wintered Rainbow of 4lb 4oz. Brian took his fish from Gaynes Cove on a floating line with a red holographic diawl bach.

Boat anglers have also had a very good week's fishing with most of the trout being caught around the margins of the reservoir. The main tactics for the boat anglers this week have been floating or sink tip lines with small nymphs, diawl bachs, crunchers, gold head hares ears and cormorants. The most productive areas for the boat anglers this week have been the Willows, G Buoy, the Seat and the lodge frontage. However, there have been a few good bags caught out in the middle of the reservoir but these have mainly come to trolling with di7 or 5 lines with gold and silver tubes.

Best Rainbow 4lb 4oz taken by Brian Knight of Offord

Best boat areas The Seat, G Buoy, lodge frontage, north dam, Willows.

Best bank areas Willows, the Seat, G buoy, Plummer Park/Gaynes Cove, south dam, Perry Point.

Best methods See report.

Mid week boat winner J Adams of Southampton.

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

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 1,480 (season 31,302) Returns 358 (8,424) Rod average

4.13(3.71)

Rutland Water is in good form with high numbers of fish caught with large specimens of Brown and Rainbow coming to the net.

Holiday angler Kevin Walmsley from the Isle of Man had a very enjoyable visit taking both the best Rainbow and the best Brown of the week. Kevin recorded a 6lb 8oz Rainbow on Sunday having taken a 5lb10oz Brown on Friday (the first day of his holiday). Along with these fish Kevin also had Browns weighing 4lb

14oz and 4lb 10oz and another impressive Rainbow of 5lb 4oz. Kevin stuck to floating fry throughout the three day trip, fishing both the north and the south arms. Other members of Kevin's holiday group reported quality rainbows with many around the 3lb mark.

Another notable fish taken last week was a 6lb 1½oz Rainbow landed by Gordon Bloodworth from the south arm. Several anglers have reported fish showing in the 3-4lb range, including quite a few Browns.

Prospects look very, very good. Hopefully last week's weather is behind us, this saw strong winds colouring up areas that had been producing well. High winds prevented some boats going out on Friday and Sunday. Settled conditions will see things improve with the added bonus of the bigger fish in the reservoir starting to show off the bank and boat.

Rutland Water will be hosting the Anglian Water Airflo International final next week. Please note that very few boats will be available after Friday 1 October with all boats booked Monday 4 October to Wednesday 6 October.

Best Rainbow 6lb 8oz taken by Kevin Walmsley of the Isle of Man.

Best Brown 5lb 10oz taken by Kevin Walmsley of the Isle of Man.

Best boat areas The main basin, Browns Island, bottom of both arms,
Yellowstone, Inmans Spinney, Barnsdale.

Best bank areas Sykes Lane, Old Hall, Whitwell, Yellowstone, Cardiac Hill, the
Dam.

Best methods Nymphs - diawl bach, crunchers and hares ear. Lures - boobies,
blobs (various), cormorants, gold/silver sparklers.
Fry patterns - floating fry, minkies, humungus.

Mid week boat winner M Burnside of Aycliffe near Darlington.

Forthcoming events:

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

Pike fishing

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

Very limited boat availability 1-3 October.

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: 3,16 & 30 October;20 & 27 November.

Pitsford Water

Fish week 428 (13,567) Returns 149 (3,924) Rod average 2.8 (3.4)

A group of Welsh anglers enjoyed their three day boat package at Pitsford Water this week. Eflon Davies who organised the group had a great time catching on hoppers when it was cloudy. In sunny conditions the fish went down deeper so the group then went on to use Di 3 lines with lures to great effect. Will Davies, from Rigydlwyd, caught the best Rainbow of the week at 6lb 10oz.

Fish have been out in the middle so drifting boats are still the best bet, along with the rudder. Fish are now starting to turn their sights to fry. Seagulls are great indicators and have been spotted working together with the trout in the main basin. Look out for flocks of birds over the water and this will indicate the area where trout are pushing up coarse fish fry, with fry patterns well worth a try.

Bank anglers have been catching on the Cliffs bank and Stilton Point and the Gorse along with Stone Barn. It is recommended that a single fly and strong leader is used as fish are in excellent fighting condition and once hooked are running for the weedbeds.

Best Rainbow 6lb 10oz taken by Will Davies of Rigydlwyd, Wales.

Best Brown 4lb 2oz taken by Alan Dawes of Derby

Best boat areas Main bowl, Narrows, Gravells.

Best bank areas Cliffs, Gorse, Rigbys Point and Gravells.

Best methods See report.

Mid week boat winner T Vials of Clipston, Market Harborough.

Fish stocked 500

Forthcoming events:

Beginners courses: 2,10 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.

Ravensthorpe Reservoir

Fishing continues to be challenging but anglers who take the time to work out the right mixture of depths, flies and methods continue to enjoy good catches. Boat anglers need to fish as close to the banks as possible especially from the Coton car park end. Various black hoppers and daddies have proved successful.

The bank anglers are still catching well with platforms 6-12 producing good fishing in the right wind conditions.

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

Pike fishing

Fishing with lures and dead sea fish over 18cm
18 October to 21 November.