

RUTLAND WATER FLY FISHERS



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John Wadham's Fishing Report

Fishing Report for August

The water, which is still nice and clear, is now dropping quite smartly. It is good to see weed beds back again. These will hopefully attract fry and subsequently trout to feed on them. The best fishing is, of course, yet to come October & November being very productive in previous seasons. Not much to report from the bank at the moment, however there appears to be some fry activity mainly early and late. However the boats are doing very well from time to time. Ed Foster manager of Elinor Fishery took a limit in double quick time. He was fishing in the re-

cent AWS four man team event, which produced a tremendous result despite the blazing heat, and light winds with a rod average of over 4 fish.

Two anglers from Lancashire took 16 fish in less than four hours with Boobies & Cormorants on intermediate lines with rainbows up to three and three quarter pounds

The fish are still grazing on Daphnia with some late evening buzzer activity. Some anglers have been catching with large buzzers but over 25 ft of water

Tuesday night boat league

Congratulations to junior member Tom Davis who showed us all how to do it by winning the mid July heat with 5 fish for

10lb 13oz. Sharing the boat was junior member Richard Cooper who took third place with 4 fish for 7lb 15oz

In the following week's event Malcolm March from Edith Weston took a brown of 7lb 4oz.

In the next event the same two juniors were there again with Richard Cooper and Tom Davis taking first and second place respectively

The overall winner of the event this year by a huge margin of 11 points is Al Owen with 61 points.

England International Youth Team - Llyn Brenig

Congratulations to junior RWFF members Richard Cooper

top English rod with 8 fish for 14lb 2oz. This helped England to a win with 54 fish for 102lb

Pre-season Dinner Raffle

At the dinner held at the Whipper Inn in Oakham on Tuesday 15th of March, the raffle realised £102 plus donations from Paul Wild and Brian Strickland. The money was donated to Anne Garratt to put towards a headstone in memory of her late husband Bob. She would like to thank club members and other donors very sincerely for their generosity.

Rutland Water Wildfowl Habitat Creation

You may be aware of this scheme that is designed to provide grazing areas for certain species of duck i.e. Gadwall & Shoveller at the lake in the event of potential additional draw down in water level following the proposed extensions to Wing Water Treatment Works.

Details of these plans for the habitat are now available for inspection at the Rutland County Council Offices at Catmose, Oakham Tel 01572 722577. Any comments you may want to make to the planning authority must reach them by 12th September 2005. These plans are also available on their website: www.rutland.gov.uk/rutlandwater To read it, go to the Rutland Water section – not the Wing WTW section. This is a very large document that may take a long time to download on a standard computer. So, perhaps, the best thing is to inspect it yourself at the council offices.

You may be aware that your Chairman and Secretary have been consulted from the early stages and have made representations on behalf of anglers interests at the fishery that are included in the report.

So as to save you much research time, the relevant paragraphs are given below: details of the reasons for the proposed habitat creation may be found in Sections 2.0 – 2.5 and the potential bird shortfall in Table 2.1

Our comprehensive comments and recommendations regarding any likely impact on the fishery have been taken on board and may be found in the table 5.1 contained at the end of Section 5.0 - 5.4 of the document.

RWFF AGM

Although we are still in the summer holidays we are already looking into the Autumn and our AGM. So for your diary, the AGM is at 7.30 on the 7th November at the Empingham Cricket Club. All motions and amendments properly proposed and seconded in writing must reach the Secretary by 30 clear days before this date. This also applies to nominations for Officer or Committee vacancies in addition to the President and Vice President posts. This year the President, Vice President, Chairman, Secretary, Assistant Secretary and 5 committee places are due to be filled.

Water Aid 2005

The annual Water Aid event took place on 24 June at Rutland Water, with sponsored teams from across Britain competing to raise money for reducing water supply problems in the Third World. Over £18,000 was raised from the competition, a raffle and an auction of donated items that was held at the end of the day.



Brian Bonner helping John W. to set up the kit

were able to throw a tolerable line. Most importantly the volunteers, all of whom were accomplished anglers and good boat handlers, acted as gillies for two novices in a boat. They made sure everyone got out onto the water safely and had a reasonable chance of catching a fish.

The weather had the last word but, undaunted and enthusiastic, the 150 competitors set out in heavy rain, putting in a sterling performance. Inevitably following such hot and thundery weather only a limited number fish were caught. Everyone got a thorough soaking but arrived back at the dock smiling, having enjoyed the day and helped a good cause.

After the weigh-in everyone sat down to an excellent meal in the Waters Edge Restaurant. Later the organisers Chris Evans and Paul Dimbleby from Anglian Water thanked John Wadham for organising the work of the RWFF volunteers.

Rutland Water Fly Fishers, led by John Wadham, supplied 16 volunteers to help make the day a

success. Over 3 days before the event they made up 145 fly boxes, 41 fly fishing kits for novices and 145 "goodie bags" for all competitors. They ran a casting clinic for beginners after which most of the participants



Beginners being helped with their casting practice



The volunteers all managing to smile at the same time!

Tom follows in brothers footsteps

Blazing hot sunshine didn't stop the best of England's young fly-fishers catching fish in the EYFFA National championship at Grafham Water on Sunday.

Fishing in pairs with volunteer boatmen 35 anglers from all over the country fished for places in the team to represent their country in next years Home International and it was 14 year old Tom Cooper from Rutland who left everyone behind with seven trout weighing 14lb, more than twice the weight of runner-up Joel Beeney from Kent and Tom Davis (Leicestershire).

Most fish were taken on nymphs and buzzers fished slow and deep although some fish were taken near the surface early in the day. One of the first to congratulate Champion Tom was his brother Richard who is already in the England Team making this a rare double. If Richard makes the top four in the next International match in Wales fished this summer then they will both be in the team to fish the Home International on their local venue, Rutland Water next year.

The event is organised by the England Youth Fly-fishing Association and sponsored by Masterline and Anglian Water. David Moore, Anglian Water's Recreation Manager, presented the prizes and congratulated the EYFFA on a very successful event, with special thanks going to the boatmen who volunteered to help the youngsters on the day.



Litter Pick Presentation

On Sunday March 6th 2005, Rutland Water Fly Fishers carried out their annual litter pick up around the banks of Rutland Water. The club was sponsored by Anglian Water in the sum of £100.00 to carry out the work. The proceeds have been donated to the Rutland Ward Palliative Care Suite at the Rutland Memorial Hospital in Oakham and will be allocated to providing equipment for activities there. Many bags of rubbish were collected and thanks offered to all those who took part. The presentation took place at the Rutland Water Fishing Lodge, Normanton on Monday July 4th 2005. Those present were - from left to right John Seaton - Senior Warden at Rutland Water, Maria Ward, ward manager of the Rutland Ward and John Wadham, Rutland Water Fly Fishers.

