

Rutland Water Fly Fishers



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August 2011 Newsletter

After the driest spring in meteorological history, June turned out to be a very mixed month of weather but with rainfall still below-average and the water level continuing to fall.

During this period the bank and boat fishing was quite productive with the main basin providing most of the fish for the boats. For the bank angler the Normanton bank anywhere between the blue pipes and the dam was the most productive.

Here there were some tremendous evening rises particularly in the first half of the month with fish even being available to the angler during the day: especially when overcast.

Best method was to fish Hare's Ear Diawl Bach below the surface with floating line. At the first sign of a rise transfer to dries. The best of these being hoppers, Shipman's or sedge pup CDC.

During this period the fish

showed brief interest in the newly hatching roach and perch fry. There were some good fish caught during this period with club member Jeremy Ball taking a lovely 5lb 2oz rainbow.

July weather continued in the same vein as June but with temperatures well below average with cold evenings and periods of strong winds - more like October!

The month finished up with rainfall near average but nowhere near enough to move rivers and enable pumping into the reservoir. As a result the water level continued to drop. During the month we had a brief period of hot weather which appeared to drive the fish from the margins into deeper water.

The boats were able to take advantage of this and some grand fish were caught in the middle of the main basin. Club member David Moore caught the best fish; a superb



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rainbow of 6lb 4.75oz while fishing for EFFA against the RAF. The fish fought for 10 min before coming to the net. This was David's (shown above) personal best rainbow and so far the best caught by a RWFF club member this season.

For a good deal of this period we were plagued on and off by the dreaded brown algae which really does seem to put the fish off and considerably reduce visibility.

So, it was a matter touring round in boat or driving around the bank to find clean water. This was generally where the fish could be found. While most of the action was in the main basin a few good fish good fish were caught at the top of the South arm with the best Rainbow of 6 lb. 7 oz. taken on black buzzer.

Two 5 pound plus Browns were also caught in this area. However, they seem temporarily to have bunked off altogether.

Bank Fishing

We now have a very good growth of Canadian pondweed around the entire perimeter of the Lake. There has been some evi-

dence of fish visiting these weed beds. It is pleasing to note that there is a good source of food here including snails, corixa and fry. This augurs very well for the back-end fishing: hopefully, as good as it was in 2009 when the fish came in for sticklebacks and corixa.

The fishing at the moment is limited to a short period at the end of the day with washing line set up being the best approach. Places to try include Barnhill Creek, the Finches and Old Hall point. John Griffin, local farmer, has had some good catches with washing line method over the weed beds. Some very large fish have come from the Old Hall Bay; including two over 6lb.

Let's hope that we have reasonably quiet weather now-not flat calms of course. In 2009 gale force winds completely cleared the weed beds. Consequently the fish also cleared the margins and that was the end of that!

Boat Fishing

As indicated by the results of our juniors' day, the most productive area of the lake for boat fishermen at still is the main basin and in particular around the boils and mainly with sinking lines and lures. Many of these fish have been feeding on daphnia. A number of large seasoned fish over 5lb have come from this area.

In the first week of August a rod average of 4.8 was achieved. Amid all the talk of brown algae it is gratifying report after two or three days of strong winds that the water is now beautifully clear in most areas, even at the tops of the south and north arms.

Stocking

This is still going ahead apace and so far a total of over 18,000 have been recorded caught from catch returns.

RWFF HANBY CUP MATCH

22 Anglers fished in the Hanby Cup, which is a boat pairs fishing competition, on a baking hot, sunny and still day. Bearing in mind the conditions, some anglers did very well with John Tattersfield catching 6 fish. The weigh-in is shown below.

The best fish was caught by Jeremy Ball at 5lb 2oz. The winning pair was Doug Oldfield and John Sutton who between them caught 8 fish for a total weight of 22lb 7oz. In second place were Dan Perks and Lin Walters with 6 fish for 15lb 6oz and in third place were Mike Netherclift and Mike Barrett also with 6 fish for 12lb 10oz.

Eleven pairs fished the competition and the 22 anglers caught a total of 42 fish, giving a rod average of just under 2.

Just a reminder to all members that the next boat competition is the Loch Style Trophy on Sunday 25th of September.

For 2011 it is again a pairs boat competition, but this time it is fish to international rules. For entry details please contact Peter de Kremer on 01572 724873 or 07973 326796.

RWFF JUNIORS DAY

On August 4, 2011 Rutland Water Fly Fishers hosted a friendly 4 hour boat competition for 13 young anglers between the ages of 12 and 14.

The event was fished to reservoir rules. They were taken out in boats on a one to one basis by volunteer boatman drawn from club membership.

In the morning they were given casting instruction by RWFF members, a number of whom are qualified coaches. It was quite clear, even at this age, that some of

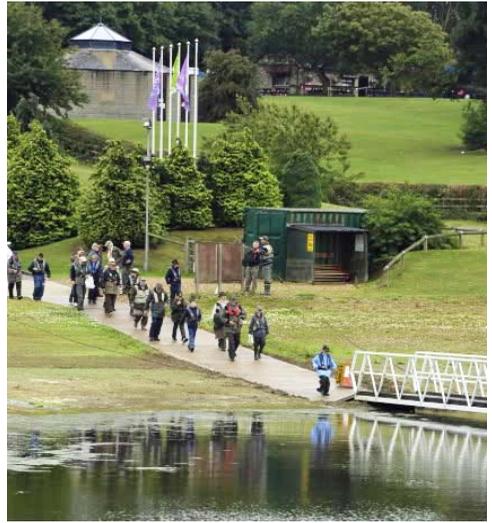


the participants showed considerable promise.

The respective boat partners chose their protégés by taking the names out of a hat. Most youngsters had some of their own gear but we were very grateful to Anglian Water for providing additional rods and reels. The boatmen were also able to supply their charges with any other kit that they may have needed.

Despite the almost continuous rain they all seemed to enjoy the day out. However we were fortunate in having neither thunderstorms, as experienced the day before, or worse than that; gales. The wind started off a light southerly and about halfway through there came a heavy shower and the wind veered through about 120° to westerly.

The temperature dropped quite dramatically. This did not help the fishing as most fish were caught in the first part of the session. Most fish followed the current trend and were caught mainly around the boils in the Main basin on a variety of lures



from black and green lures to Blobs.

Freddie Kent from Devonshire was top rod with eight fish for 18 lb. 8 oz. He caught his limit in less than three hours ably assisted over the boils by Gary West who wins a free boat for his efforts as top boatman. Freddie caught his fish on various lures on sinking lines.

Freddie also won the Trout Masters event on a still water fishery in Yorkshire. His





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best fish was three pounds exactly. Freddie (above) won a super “Vision” fly rod donated by Guide Fly-Fishing.

Runner-up and captor of the best fish was Aaron Carnie (below) from Preston, Lancashire. He caught seven fish for 14 lb. 5 oz. and the best fish of 3lb 1/2oz taken in the same area as Freddie with a similar method. He was skilfully assisted by boatman Rob Teasdale. He won an “Airflo” fly fish-



ing kit donated by Walkers of Trowell. Graham Hayward was 3rd and is shown on the right with Rob Waddington in the boat.

Consolation prizes of a fly box each containing patterns tied by Dave Porter and John Wadham respectively were donated to Abigail Foggo, Ben Dimpleby and Dudley Beere.

As can be seen from the results below this was quite an achievement for the young anglers on a pretty horrid day. They caught a total of 32 fish for 66lb 11oz giving an approximate average weight of just over 2lb a catch rate of just under 2.5 fish per rod.

The prizes were presented by David Moore former Recreation and Access Manager at Rutland Water and now chairman of the Angling Development Board and a director of the Angling Trust. He went on to thank John Wadham and Malcolm March for organising the event.

The RWFF Chairman John Maitland thanked everyone who conspired to make this a very successful day. The proceedings finished with a barbecue kindly provided by Nigel Milner the chairman of Empingham Cricket Club.

Rutland Water Fly Fishers are extremely grateful to all the sponsors and helpers who made this event possible and provided the very generous prizes. They included:

- Anglian Water - who provided all of the boats and fishing free of charge and also did the allocation



- Walkers of Trowell
- Orvis - who provided goodie bags
- Iain and Craig Barr who offered a selection of flies
- Empingham Cricket Club
- Jamie Roche from the Angling Development Board and Anglian Water staff who recorded the event on camera
- A number of the parents who were very helpful in moving furniture and taking pictures while they were out on the water
- And, of course, the boatmen, without whom, none of them would have been able to get out on the water to fish

- Trout & Salmon, Trout Fisherman & Total Fly Fisher magazines
- Guide Fly-Fishing

We are planning to host a similar event in 2012, again potential helpers are welcome.

<h2 style="text-align: center;">RUTLAND WATER FLY FISHERS</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Juniors Day Results 2011</p> 					
Name	Boatman	Best Fish	No. of Fish	Total Weight	Place
Freddie Kent	Gary West	3lb 0oz	8	18lb 8oz	1
Aaron Carnie	Rob Teasdale	3lb ½oz	7	14lb 5oz	2
Graham Hayward	Rob Waddington	2lb 8oz	4	8lb 7oz	3
Jason Pusey	Roy Taylor	2lb 8oz	3	6lb 10oz	4
James Dimbleby	Dan Perks	2lb 11oz	2	4lb 2oz	5
Alex Waddington	Hilary Tomlinson	2lb 0oz	2	3lb 14oz	6
Tom Heywood	Dave Porter	2lb 1oz	2	3lb 13oz	7
Tristan Tanner	Stuart Ross	1lb 12oz	2	3lb 5oz	8
Daniel Mullen	Matt Gregory	2lb 0oz	1	2lb 0oz	9
William Broadhurst	Peter de Kremer	1lb 11oz	1	1lb 11oz	10
Dudley Beere	Brian Bonner	-	-	-	-
Abigail Foggo	Nigel Sudborough	-	-	-	-
Ben Dimbleby	Paul Dimbleby	-	-	-	-
13 anglers	13 Boatman		32	66lb 11oz	

ASSOCIATION of MAJOR CLUBS 2011

Rutland Water Fly Fishers are top of Major Clubs Division One! After the first four rounds of this year's Division One championship in the Association of Major Flyfishing Clubs competition, defending champions Rutland Water FF are in top spot, four points ahead of nearest challengers, Bewl Bridge Flyfishers.

The latest round at Grafham Water on July 23rd saw RWFF chalk up a second successive win at the Cambridgeshire venue by a narrow margin from Bewl Bridge, having won the previous round there on June 25th.

Rutland's six man team (shown below less Graham!) consisted of Graham Pearson, Al Owen, Paul Wild, Martin Rowson, David Lang and Mike Gunnell weighed in 22 fish for a total weight of 52lb 7oz, compared to Bewl's 19 fish total of 50lb 12oz.

Top rod on the Rutland team was Mike Gunnell with seven fish for 14lb 1oz caught on a blob/nymph/booby combina-

tion, mainly in the G-buoy area. Best fish of the match went to Graham Pearson who caught a fin-perfect rainbow of 4lb 8oz on a shrimp pattern.

There was a good all-round performance from the Rutland team with four anglers in the top ten on the day. After four rounds, the Division One league table is as follows:

- 1) Rutland Water FF 18pts
- 2) Bewl Bridge FFA 14pts
- 3) Fish Hawks 'A' 12pts
- 4) Grafham Water FFA 9pts
- 5) Hanningfield 7pts

The remaining two rounds are on Rutland Water on September 24 and Hanningfield Reservoir on October 1st.

AW - 2011 WATER AID FLY FISHING CHALLENGE 2011 RUTLAND WATER SEPTEMBER the 7th, 8th & 9th

R.W.F.F. planned Itinerary is as follows:

Wednesday September 7th

- 1100hrs Assemble fly fishing kits for novices (approx. 2 hours)
- 1400hrs Make up fly box selections





RUTLAND WATER FLY FISHERS



LOCH STYLE TROPHY 2011

SUNDAY 25th SEPTEMBER

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for novices (approx. 3 hours)

Thursday September 8th

- 1500hrs Make up goodie bags. (approx. 2 hours)
- 1700hrs Casting clinic for novices (Ad lib) plus re-assemble kits for novices clinic on 12th

Friday September 9th

- 0800hrs Assemble at the Fishing Lodge for group photograph and briefing
- 0930hrs Briefing by AW Staff
- 1000hrs Begin Fishing
- 1700hrs Begin Weigh-in

On Thursday 8th the casting clinics will be supervised by John Wadham and Malcolm March and held in the field west of the lodge below the Normanton car park.

Style access is near the west end of the harbour wall. For safety reasons the area will be cordoned off from the public.

It would be ideal if one boatman could pick up a pair of beginners at registration or at the casting evening and stay with them for the duration, ushering them around.

Please get to the fishing lodge on time on 9th as a photographer will be present so that we get some press coverage - it would help if we had a spare camera on hand – just in case!

It might be a good idea to educate your protégés in boat handling including how to use the motor. That way you can sit in the middle, direct operations and duck as appropriate!

Life jackets will be available and must be

worn on the day. There will be sufficient fishing kits for all novices, who must wear hat & glasses, be in possession of rod licences and be aware of the fishery regulations and safety code. For identification purposes we hope to be supplied with hi-viz AWS vests.

After the match, there will be a meal and presentation to which we are invited.

Tackle Auction

This will follow the meal and if any members have any quality items of tackle or other services to offer: these would be welcome and help swell funds for Water Aid.

Any problems? Please contact any of the following: Malcolm March on: 01780 722466 or mobile 07906 350748 and John Wadham on: 01572 771092 or mobile 07873 214116 or Roy Taylor on: 01572 723496.

If you are unable to attend please let one of us know in good time, thank you.

Cormorant Review.

I hope you are all submitting your cormorant sightings to the Angling Trust. Chief Executive Mark Lloyd says that “This review will be evidence led and it is vitally important that anglers keep reporting sightings of cormorants and other fish eating birds on our cormorant watch website at: www.cormorantwatch.org. The more reports they get the more support there will be for action.

Winter programme

Anybody got any ideas of what you would like? If so contact JW.

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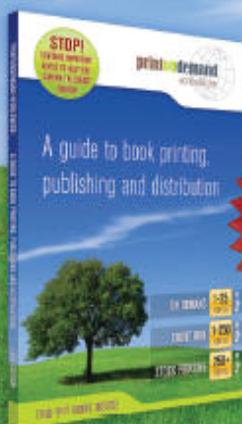


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