

Rutland Water Fly Fishers



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The water level has remained about 4 foot below maximum. This relatively high level should have allowed the margins to recolonise prior to next season.

The water is crystal clear when calm; however, with any rise in the water level, it will only takes a moderate wind from the West to colour it up

It is interesting to note that some of the Rainbows are at last finding something to eat. Daphnia still seems to be the main diet. However some bank caught fish have contained Corixa, hog lice and even sticklebacks.

Following very lean times for bank anglers during the late summer and autumn, it is pleasing to write that at least a few fish are now being caught. They are however in local pockets.

Best places to try are Old Hall, Whitwell Creek, East Creek, in front of the Lodge, Church Bay and

Fishing Report

Blue Pipes to Fantasy Island.

Best bank fishing time seems to be from 1400 to 1630 hours. Has any one tried early am?

It appears the fish have been consuming the daphnia well out in the lake. Even in dull conditions there appears to be little sign of this food source in the margins.

The boats have had the lions' share of the fish with some regulars catching their limits. The fish, in lovely silver condition are averaging about 2lb 4oz.

Most successful method has been tubes on the rudder.

A number of club members had a bonanza in the boats to end the season with Ken Merri-dan & Jimmy Watts getting a full house on their last visit.

However, all good things come to an end and the boats are now off the water until next season.

However the rudder men have not had it all their own way. Tom Pattenden and partner took 14 Rainbows to 4lb

fishing Humongous in front of the boat on a slow sink line near X buoy.

Most productive boat areas were K & X buoy, Lodge Front to Fantasy Island, & Armley Wood.

There have been some good fish caught from the bank Roy Taylor, Malcolm Shepherd and Peter de Kremer have caught fish up to 4lb at several of the points mentioned earlier.

Mitigation Works

This starts in the new-year when work will commence on the "off reservoir" Egleton Lagoons. The Tim Appleton Bund construction will commence in 2009 and the Manton Bunds in 2010.

You will no doubt be pleased to learn that all plant and associated equipment will be delivered via a haul road to be constructed off the A 6003 Uppingham Road; not via barges across our lake!

Further details of the scheme can be had by visiting:

www.rutland.gov.uk/rutlandwater

Opening times for Rutland Water Fishing Lodge & Tackle Shop

These are the times:

01/12/2007
18/12/2007
0900 hours – 1500 hours.

19/12/2007
09/01/2008
Closed

10/01/2008
start of season
0900 hours – 1500 hours

Opening date for the 2008 Season ...

For those not in the know the 2008 season is set to start on Good Friday 21st March 2008. Fishing areas subject to approval by Natural England.

Other AW waters are:
Ravensthorpe
Saturday March 1st 2008

Pitsford
Friday March 7th 2008

Grafham
Friday March 14th 2008

Membership renewals 2007/2008

Please can you send your renewals back to Paul Wild as soon as possible and in any event by February 29th.

You will see that we have increased the sub by just £1 across the board, which is the first rise for several years now.

The Heritage of Rutland Water

This six hundred and eighty page tome edited by Robert Ovens & Sheila Sleath was launched at the Rutland Sailing Club on November 25th. It is a very good read and historically very interesting. We, RWFF, are fortunate to have had such good coverage.

Winter programme

Owing to one or two logistical problems, we are sorry, but the under-mentioned programme - after the Fly tying Evening - may be subject to reorganisation. Final details will appear in the January newsletter due out early in the New Year.

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| 10/01/08 | Fly tying evening - Food will be provided |
| 17/01/08 | Committee meeting |
| 24/01/08 | *TBA – Food provided |
| 07/02/08 | *Quiz evening to be organised by N. Millner with prizes supplied by R. Oldroyd. Food supplied. |
| 21/02/08 | Anglian Water Staff forum evening to include J. Marshall, J. Seaton, N. Clayton and possible J. William. Food provided. |
| 28/02/08 | Committee meeting. |
| 06/03/08 | Tackle auction at "The Barn" at The Barnsdale Lodge Hotel. |
| 09/03/08 | Litter pickup. |
| 27/03/08 | Pre-season Dinner – venue TBA |
| 03/04/08 | Committee meeting. |
| 26/06/08 | Committee meeting. |
| August 2008 | Evening visit to hatchery/trout farm TBA. Food provided at Empingham Cricket Club after visit. |
| November 2008 | Angling adventure evening TBA. |
| 13/11/08 | AGM. |

Unless otherwise shown all these events will be held at Empingham Cricket Club, commencing 7.30 pm prompt.

Directions on how to get there as well as all forthcoming dates are available on the club website,

www.rwff.org.uk

Also one of the many features of the club website is the page dedicated to allowing you to view and read every RWFF newsletter ever written! Worth a look eh, just to see a few younger faces?

2008 Competition Programme

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| 16/05/08 | Wadham Trophy – Bank competition
6pm to 9.30pm.
John Wadham - Organiser |
| 6/06/08 | Cutting Trophy – Bank competition
6pm to 10pm.
J. Wadham - Organiser |
| 14/09/08 | Loch Style – Boat competition to
International rules. 9.30am to
5.30pm.
R. Taylor – organiser. |
| 02/11/08 | Hanby Cup – Boat competition to
reservoir rules 9.30am to 4.30pm.
P. Wild organiser. |



Top lady and RWFF member in the 2007 AW Fur and Feather, Hillary Tomlinson.

Fur & Feather 2nd December 2007

This was fished in the most horrendous weather starting off with heavy rain falling horizontally and a South Wind of 18 – 25 Knots. The wind then veered to a South Westerly with showers and increased to a stable 25 – 30 knots!

45 fish were caught in total by the 35 hardy souls who turned out to fish in far from ideal weather conditions.

RWFF member Mike Netherclift was the winner with 6 fish for 13lb 9oz. He caught his fish from the Finch's point on a Palmered Black Minkie. He started on a floating line then went onto a super slow sinker. Having caught his limit steadily, he gave the fly to neighbouring angler Gary Cooper, who promptly caught the best fish of the day on it. A rainbow of 3lb 12oz. Mike said that the fish were in 'very good nick': one of them containing fry. RWFF member Hilary Tomlinson led the ladies with 2 fish for 4lb 6oz.

Result

1	Mike Netherclift	6 fish	13lb 9oz
2	Gary Cooper	5 fish	12lb 15oz
3	Ashley Cooper	4 fish	8lb 12oz
4	Martin Tomlinson	4 fish	7lb 13oz
5	Keith Jones	3 fish	7lb 1oz
6	Peter de Kremer	3 fish	6lb 1oz

Salvete!

JW would like to take this opportunity to thank very sincerely all those club members, friends & neighbours who have helped him through the past months following ankle replacement surgery.

The attention he has received has been heart-warming. It is marvellous to realise how much kindness there still is in this turbulent world! Glad to be back in office! Back fishing next season! "through the past months following what appears to have been successful ankle replacement surgery at the Park Hospital, Nottingham".

The subsequent rehabilitation nursing care he received at the Rutland Memorial Hospital was above reproach. Nothing seemed to be too much trouble. He heard at least two ex patients refer to it as "The Rutland Memorial Hotel". Long may you prosper"

Our chairman John Maitland has had to be re-admitted to the Leicester General Hospital with a complication following gall bladder surgery. At the moment his condition is described as "comfortable". We all wish him a speedy recovery

May we wish all RWFF members and readers of this newsletter a very 'Happy & Healthy' Christmas and a prosperous new season in 2008 ...



From Right to left: 1st Mike Netherclift, 2nd Gary Cooper, Santa, Rutland Senior Warden John Seaton, 3rd Ashley Cooper & 4th Martin Tomlinson.