

Rutland Water Fly Fishers

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January 2008 Newsletter



Thursday 10th January Fly Tying Evening 7.30pm Cricket Club

For this evening five club members who have generously agreed to sit at separate tables and demonstrate their fly tying skills free of charge and give us the all-important info on how to fish them.

They will be tying a range of patterns from Buzzers to Salmon Flies – They have also been asked for no “blobs” please!

This a great way for newcomers and even us “dyed in the wool” types to pick up some valuable tips from our experienced dressers.

This event passes as a social evening and a good chance to compare notes on the 2007 season and discuss tactics for 2008.

Those demonstrating their skills will be John Maitland, Trevor Ashby, Sean Cutting, Roger McCarthy & Andy Wells.

If you want to see a particular tying of a well-tried pattern, I am sure our chaps will oblige.

Thursday 24th January AWS Forum 7.30pm Cricket Club

Four members of Anglian Water staff have kindly

agreed to be quizzed on the future of our beloved fishery and may be give us review of the 2007 season.

They will also hopefully be willing to discuss any other topics: e.g. mitigation works, stocking, lake ecology, new rainbow trout “clones” etc.

Those who have offered to “put their heads on the block” are Jon Marshall, John Seaton, Nathan Clayton & Nigel Savage.

We would like this to be an informal occasion with reasoned questions and answers and open discussion.

This is a “must be there” function for all our members. It is your chance to raise any topics, which you have always been meaning to discuss but were too busy fishing.

In the past these have often been the best-attended meetings, which must surely demonstrates how passionate we are about our fishery.

Food will be served at

around 9 o'clock. This should be an entertaining evening and give both of parties the opportunity to air their views.

Thursday 7th February Guest Speaker

7.30pm Cricket Club

We will be welcoming the well-known angling writer, painter & broadcaster Charles Jardine. Last time he came we had a full house and a great evenings entertainment.

He will be giving us the benefit of his apparently boundless knowledge on the subject of grayling fishing and other associated river-bank tactics.

This is an increasingly popular branch of the sport now taken up by a number of club

members. Charles has also agreed to bring along some examples of his wonderful paintings that have graced many publications on the “gentle art”.

Water Aid 2008

No date has yet been announced – please watch this space.

RWFF Club Member to be England Vice Captain

RWFF member Jayne Alecock has been chosen to be the England Ladies Vice Captain in this years International to be held in Scotland on the Lake of Menteith.

RWFF club members, Hillary Tomlinson and Elaine Sherry are also in the team for the match that will be held on the 19th of June 2008.



Jayne Alecock (left) Elaine Sherry (right)

The rest of the 2008 winter programme is as follows:

- Thursday 21st February - Quiz night organised by Nigel Millner
- Thursday March 6th - Tackle Auction at The Barn at Barnsdale Lodge
- Sunday March 9th - Litter Pick-up Day
- Thursday March 27th - Annual Dinner & Speaker Fox & Hounds, Exton Details; e.g. menu, cost in future newsletter.

Committee Meeting dates 2008

- Thursday 17th January
- Thursday 28th February
- Thursday 3rd April
- Thursday 26th June

Further details in subsequent newsletters

Membership renewals 2007/2008

Please get these back to Paul Wild as soon as possible and in any event by February 1st. You will see that we have increased the subscriptions by £1-00 across the board.

Please note the Treasurers new address from Friday 4th January 2008.

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December Bank Fishing at Rutland Water by M. Shepherd, R, Taylor & S. Cutting

It was just like opening day on the 31st December with anglers every fifteen yards from Fantasy Island to the Blue Pipes on the Normanton Bank. This was because word had obviously reached many of our fellow anglers about the excellent fishing over the past month.

M.S and R.T had been fishing this stretch of bank since the start of December during which time they enjoyed some of the best bank fishing of the season with fish up to 4lb 8oz in good silver condition. In the same period, the North Arm from the Finch's Point to the Three

Trees fished well. It was here that the Fur & Feather was won in early December and subsequently some good fish were taken here.

It was very noticeable however, that it was the last hour of daylight that was the best time to fish. Their routine was to arrive at the water just before 3.00pm and by 3.20pm you started to see fish moving some 100 yards off shore. Then, as the light faded they moved closer and closer to the bank. Malcolm & Roy also found that a Red Holographic ribbed with a Fire Orange headed Diawl Bach in a size 10 was the fly that did the damage. Most of the fish would take the dropper rather than the point fly, although fish were being taken on Black and Green Tadpole type flies by other anglers.

On 12th December a spectacular display of moving fish took place at about 3.15pm when there were large numbers of fish showing on the surface with tails and fins above the water.

During December the trout were still avidly feeding on daphnia though some fish contained large numbers of Corixa. There is little doubt that there are good numbers of fish to over winter and with the large amount of daphnia present there should be some good sport to look forward to for the start of the 2008 season, with good water clarity and the water level continuing to rise.

S.C found that even with the wind changing from its Easterly direction to a South Westerly, Rutland Waters end of season 'Hot-Spot' seemed to be from the Blue Pipes through to Fantasy Island Fence. You can just see in the picture below two anglers up towards the Blue Pipes, but many others found the sport to be 'better' the further you came toward Fantasy Island Fence. The December mornings proved to be a little sporadic with the 'Catching' switch being turned off at around the 10am mark, with far fewer fish being caught after then!

Saying that there were good bags of fish being taken from 2.30pm to dusk for some, but that's fishing. If we had a 'timetable' and the 'definitive spot & pattern', etc would we be bothered to go?

