



John Wadham's Fishing Report

June Newsletter

May was a month of mixed fortunes. The climate threw everything at us from 26deg C and blazing sun on the 22nd to sleet and North Easterly Gale on 27th with a max temp of 7deg C. East Anglia had its wettest May since records began in 1914: at least half of the rain falling over the bank holiday week-end!

Consequently, the lake is full to overflowing. This high level has been maintained courtesy of a new pump, which can take water from the source rivers when they rise after summer rainfall plus input from the surrounding land.

This high level, as predicted, has been a huge benefit to the bank angler giving, even in the shallows, over a metre at ones feet. It should also allow the marginal ecology to recover after last year's low level.

Boats have been coming dangerously near bank to get at the fish – especially on the Old Hall Point where there have been some less than friendly exchanges with bank anglers. One boat had apparently to be pushed off by a bank angler

after grounding!

So, boatmen please take note or, at the behest of the duty warden, you may find yourselves back at the Lodge against your will! Not very handy during a major competition!

The fish have, especially late evening, almost been climbing up the bank to find something to eat. These fish have been quite difficult to tempt. However, sitting down or keeping out of sight by standing back from the water is more likely to improve your chances. You wouldn't stand over Carp to catch them – would you?

So marvellous has the bank fishing been that JW's waders have become almost redundant.

Sadly there has been little action in the North Arm west of a line drawn from the Transformer to Burley Point. However Dickenson's Road End and up into the bay has been good – especially early & late.

Other good spots are Stockie Bay, Blue Pipes to the Dam and Old Hall Bay and Point. To judge by the number of fish in these spots, most of the lake's population must be

concentrated here.

What ever happened to the large buzzers this year? Other large lakes have experienced prolific hatches. The main hatch – of tiny insects – occurred in April. There are however isolated pockets of the larger specimens. Even Hideaway Bay so famed for its hatches has not produced the normally prolific number of insects. However, pond olives have been the main diet here with some good catches taken on appropriate imitative patterns.

Just to contradict that for a minute! Scotsman Alastair Middlemass from Livingston caught a 13lb Brown, on a buzzer imitation given to him by one of the residents at his B&B! The fish took 15 minutes to boat from Hideaway Bay. It is the second heaviest Brown ever caught from the lake.

It was a magnificent fish with fair round belly – possibly well lined with crayfish - collected from the Gwash feeder. Tipulids of the order Diptera, which include houseflies and daddy long legs, have been the main diet. They appear as a green "mush" on

your marrow spoon: but under a ten times magnification appear as tiny olive green larvae– looking more like elongated maggots. They are easily moved by wave action and have provided a food source to fish on the lee shores.

JW went through the contents of - guts bin after a match and the examination of numerous stomachs showed little signs of heavy feeding. Only one buzzer and two sticks were found in the stomachs of about 15 fish examined. Delving into guts the bin - if that's what turns you on - is a great way of finding out where they are getting their food by asking the respective angler where he caught the fish.

The most recent menu includes Sedge pupae and Daphnia " magna" a very large specimen of the species and some olive nymphs and buzzers of the same hue and a few bloodworms.

Perhaps the fish will be able to fatten up on the pin fry, which will be hatching out soon. These will no doubt be bream & roach.

Anglers have caught some "dustbin lid" size

Bream. Some massive carp resembling "pigs" have been seen spawning between Gibbet Gorse and the Hides. Odd ones have been hooked: one angler being "spooled" by one on the Green Bank.

So what to catch these bank-side fish with. Dries have been far more effective than sub-surface fishing. This has been a good way of attracting the larger fish and avoiding the stockies which merely "bosh" at or drown them. In clear water, dries are often more effective as all the fish can see is a few "pin pricks" in the surface film: whereas underneath everything, including the leader and any fly line below the surface is clearly visible. Very important therefore to keep the fly line above the surface by the application of a little grease to the end of the line – taking care not to get it on the leader.

However, it is not dries all the way The Devon lads had a great post bank holiday week taking 113 fish – all from the bank on olive buzzers and Diawl Bach's. GRHE has also accounted for numerous fish.

Best dry patterns are CDC's, winged dries, Sedge pupae CDC. Malcolm Shepherd seems to, have the answer to dry fly fishing with Charles Jardine's Hare Faced Midge.

When the Swifts arrived, their numbers almost blackened the sky – but there has been little sign of them since. Have they gone elsewhere to satisfy their appetites for buzzers? The Terns however are enjoying the prolific sedge hatches.



Specimen Fish Awards

Some club members have caught some fine specimens this season. Jamie Weston is the present pretender to the crowns of best Brown & Rainbow of the season for the Trout Fisherman & Trout & Salmon Trophies respectively. He caught a brown weighing 6lb 5oz from the "new" Brown's Island area in the South Arm on the rudder: fishing a "Friendly" tube. He also weighed in a Rainbow of 4lb 8oz 4dr taken from just off the bunds in the South Arm on an olive Diawl Bach straight nymphing.

Specimen fish forms are available in the shop or from the Wardens office after shop hours

Club Competitions

John Wadham Trophy - Evening Bank Match Results Friday 11th May .

NAME	NUBER OF FISH	BEST FISH	WEIGHT	PLACE
Phil Brown	8	2lb 15oz	17lb 15oz	1
Gary Cooper	6	-	12lb 13oz	2
Malcolm March	5	3lb 10oz	12lb 2oz	3
Paul Wild	5	2lb 11oz	11lb 3oz	4
Ziggy Lesiakowski	3	3lb 10oz	8lb 6oz	5
Richard Cooper	3	3lb 5oz	7lb 9oz	6
Lewis Carlin	3	2lb 9oz	7lb 8oz	7
Hilary Tomlinson	2	3lb 3oz	6lb 2oz	8
Jamie Weston	2	-	4lb 6oz	9
Nigel Millner	2	2lb 4oz	4lb 5oz	10
2 x Nil returns	-	-	-	-
1 x DNWI				
TOTAL	39 Fish	-	92lb 5oz	-

Thirteen members turned out to fish on a dull evening with frequent showers: but mercifully lighter winds than earlier in the week mainly between southwest and southeast. Fish were caught quite widely but chiefly in the main basin area. Congratulations to the winner Phil Brown who found fish rising freely in front of Normanton Gardens and was soon back at the Lodge with his limit taken on a "washing line" set up with Booby & Buzzers.

Gary Cooper and Malcolm March had a close finish in second and third place respectively. Malcolm March was joint winner with Ziggy Lesiakowski of the best fish award with good Rainbows of 3lb 10oz.

Most fish were caught on nymph patterns - mainly buzzer & Diawl Bach's.

There was a great rise to the buzzer that were at last coming off bigger than a size 22! However, the fish got difficult when the wind dropped but did respond to moving surface fished patterns.

All in all this was good result on such a dismal evening.

We finished with presentation of the prizes and con-

sumption of cakes & ale out of the rain under the canopy of the new restaurant balcony.

Our thanks to AWS Warden Nigel Savage for taking the photos and staying on well after knocking off time to lock up for us. John Wadham May 12th 2007.

Cutting Trophy - Evening Bank Match Friday June 1st 2007.

NAME	NUMBER OF FISH	BEST FISH	WEIGHT	PLACE
Roy Taylor	5	2lb 11oz	10lb 1oz	1
Richard Cooper	5	2lb 6oz	9lb 2oz	2
Peter Gover	3	3lb 1oz*	7lb 10oz	3
Phil Brown	3	2lb 9oz	6lb 15oz	4
Jamie Weston	2		4lb 9oz	5
John Maitland	1		2lb 1oz	6
Luke Shevlin	1		1lb 11oz	7
Gary Cooper	1		1lb 9oz	8
4 "nil" returns				
TOTAL	21 Fish		43lb 10oz	

The match was fished in difficult conditions of bright sunshine and light winds. Fish were caught widely but mainly from Normanton & Dickenson's. Roy Taylor the winner caught on dries and runner up Richard Cooper caught on an orange Booby on intermediate. There were many fish rising all evening but proved hard to interest. A number of fish were hooked and lost. Not a bad result in the conditions.



Oliver Cup Diawl Bach & Buzzer Match - Sunday May 27th.

This was sadly cancelled due to lack of sport

Hanby Cup—Sunday June 17th

This has been cancelled for the same reason.

Loch Style Competition - Sunday September 16th

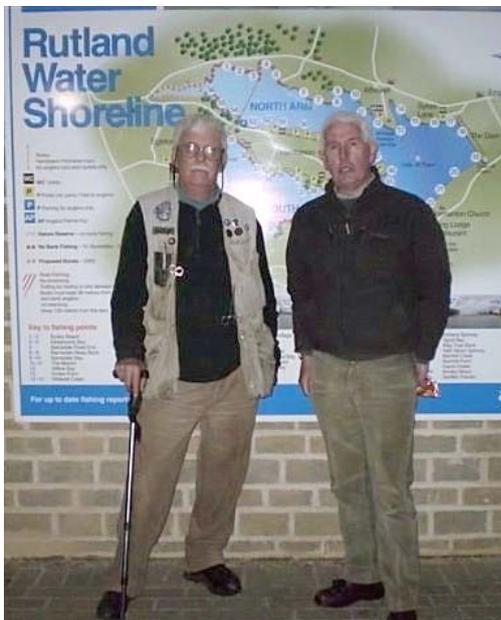
Contact Roy Taylor for details on 01572 723496. Let's hope we can support this match as lots of work goes into organising these events.

Water Aid

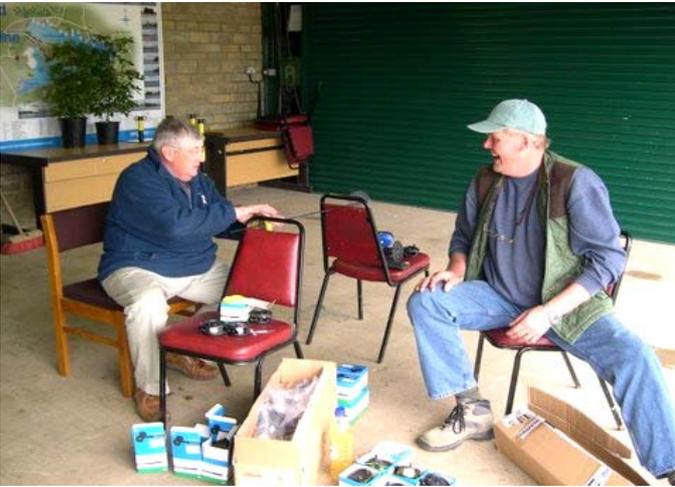
Rutland Water Fly Fishers involvement in the Anglian Water Aid Fly Fishing Challenge 2007

Wednesday 16th & Thursday 17th May

Eight Rutland Water Fly Fishers members made up 150 Goodie bags.



These contained a hat, the Anglian Water "Hooked" magazine, Water Aid "T" shirt, spool s of line donated by "Wychwood Tackle" and a fly box containing a selection of patterns donated by "Lureflash". Tasks included selecting the flies and inserting them into the boxes, put lines & backing onto reels, set up 60 Rods Reels & Lines and providing casting instruction to the novice anglers.



Friday 18th May

RWFF helpers assembled for photos taken by Water Aid photographer Emily Payne.



They then paired up with two novices and where appropriate gave casting instruction. Fishing was from 1000 with a weigh in at 1700 hours. This was followed by a meal in the Fishing Lodge. Jeff Dale conducted an auction in aid of Water Aid. Paul Dimbleby co-organiser drew the raffle.

Event organiser Chris Evans thanked RWFF for their hard work in the build up to the event and for making sure that everyone got out to fish and back safely. He thanked John Wadham- RWFF Hon. Secretary - for co-ordinating the gillies and organising their programme. John replied that it had been a team effort and paid particular tribute to some members who had come up to 100 miles to help out on the day.

The Fishing.

For the third year in a row the match was fished in very rough conditions. However, despite this, a number fish were caught. Winners were Northumbrian Water. Best Boatman prize went to Al Owen from RWFF. About £17,000 was raised from the event.

Water Aid

This charity seeks to overcome poverty in the third world by showing them how to access and make the best use of their water resources and educate them in all aspects of sanitation.

The RWFF club is very pleased to be able to help raise funds for this charity and would hope that our efforts would help to improve the public perception of angling.

Pictures of RWFF helpers, winners, details of the competition and further information about Water Aid is also available by visiting their website: www.awwaffic.org.



Rutland Water Fly Fishers — Water Aid Helpers 2007

Jane Alecock, Bob Barr, Gordon Bloodworth, Brian Bonner, Charles Bowers, Lew Carlin, Peter de Kremer, Len Francis, Roger Gill, Peter Gover, John Innes, Bill Kingston, David Lang, Ziggy Lesiakowski, Malcolm March, Roger McCarthy, Mike Netherclift, Al Owen, Graham Pearson, Dave Porter, Stuart Ross, Luke Shevlin, Hilary Tomlinson, Rob Waddington, John Wadham, Peter Welton.

England Ladies Fly Fishing - Mixed Pairs 2007

This year it was held away from an Anglian Water venue due to them having a full competition calendar. Two of RWFF's Ladies took part with Jayne Alecock and partner Davey Hodgson taking first place and Hillary Tomlinson and her partner Ronnie Gent taking 6th position. The fishing was fantastic with most of the winning pairs fish coming to the dries all to be found up at the top of the lake in Stoke Dry.

The Final Cast ...

Barrier & Gate Locks

Unfortunately some anglers are not connecting up the padlock & chain correctly at some of the barriers. This has resulted in farmers, stocking lorries etc being locked in or unable to gain access. AWS staff have requested that we leave the locks as we found them: or if they are wrongly positioned to connect them up properly.