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Fishing report

The bank fishing has been very patchy but some fine specimens have been caught. Recently, many fish have been hooked and lost and anglers have been getting offers in various parts of the lake especially in the North arm & main basin area. Most offers have been to surface fished patterns. E.g. suspender minkies, floating fry, and smaller offerings e.g. daddies and CDC. The diet of the fish is very varied. Main food seems to be snails, Perch Fry, small black terrestrial beetles. Many, however, are empty and to judge by their shape appear to be weight watchers!

It is possible that this October which may turn out to be the warmest for many years has fooled the fish into thinking that it is still September so reducing the urgency to feed up for the winter. The nights being especially warm - sometimes exceeding 16degC.

A number of browns are showing up and appear to be in very good nick. Some fine specimens have been caught. The best being a fish of 12lb 4oz taken on a CDC from a boat near New Zealand point. The fish fought for some 20 minutes and was returned to the water.

Club members have also been amongst them, Brian Bonner from Oakham submitting a fish of 7lb 8oz taken from the bank near the "blue pipes" between Fantasy Island and Three Trees on the Normanton bank. The fish was caught on gold head damselfish on a 9lb point with a floating line in bright sunshine and a light southerly wind.

The best rainbow caught by a club member is the 9lb 13oz fish taken by Mike Loy of Peterborough from Whitwell Creek on a black Minkie. He also took another on of 5lb 10oz on the same day.

Jim Watts has also taken a fine Rainbow weighing 5lb 10½oz

Congratulations to Luke Shevlin who has just submitted a perfect Rainbow of 3lb 13oz for the Mike Ellis trophy and looks like taking both junior trophies for the best brown (2lb 10oz in June) & rainbow respectively.

Remember, that if you catch a big fish, you must if you want to submit it for a club trophy, if possible get it weighed and witnessed at the lodge. You should then fill in a form and return it to the secretary a.s.a.p. These forms may be found adjacent to our notice board at the lodge. This saves you messing around trying to calibrate private weighing scales against those at the fishing lodge.

The fish seem to be doing a lot of leaping about - sometimes all day and well within range: but don't appear to be feeding.

The spasmodic visits by the fish to the margins may be due to the low water level. A great many of the weed beds which would normally hold the perch fry are now high and dry.

Fishing Report(Contd.)

There seems to be plenty of fish left in the lake as these leapers can be seen all around the banks. So come fish get some nosh down you!

The transformer car park is now about half covered with hard core. Take care however getting off the hard surface, as the rest resembles a skating rink of mud!

The boats are still fishing very well. Again, mostly on the surface. The annual autumn pairs match on Saturday 13th October gave an average of 4.34 fish per rod. Andre and partner took plenty from the main basin on CDC and other dries. Curly and his various boat partners have been having great fun with dries, floating fry and suspender minkies. This, mainly in the Manton area of the South Arm: But as with many other fishermen landing about 30% of his fish.

Club Trophies

Please get these back to the secretary, the Fishing Lodge or Rods & Reels Angling Centre, Mill Street, Oakham as soon as possible so that they can be engraved with the names of the new winners for 2001.

Club annual subscriptions

Yes, its that time again! As you can see from your forms, your committee has agreed to hold subs at their present level for the coming year. Please therefore find enclosed subs renewal forms for 2001/2002. These are being sent out earlier to give you more time to renew.

The secretary was still dealing with these in March last year. Your attention is drawn to rule 5(c) of the club constitution *“Membership will be invalid if the subscription is not paid by December 31st. New members joining after that will pay and immediate full subscription covering the remainder of the membership year in which they join.”*

In view of the administrative nightmare it causes, no newsletters will be forwarded after this date.

Annual General Meeting – Victoria Hall, Oakham

Please find enclosed:-

1. The Agenda for November 13th 2001
2. The minutes of the meeting of November 7th 2000

RWFF Bank match – Saturday October 20th 2001

This was a great day enjoyed by a “mega” turn out of just seven members! Fishing conditions were ideal. Fish were found in most areas including Dickensons, Barnhill Creek, the Transformer, Old Hall point, Armley Wood etc.

In keeping with the current trend, lots of fish were hooked and lost.

The prizes were presented at the Horse & Panniers where the food offered was excellent.

Results:-

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| 1 | Roger McCarthy | 5 fish | 10lb | 11oz |
| 2 | Dan Perks | 2 fish | 7lb | 10½oz |
| 3 | Paul Wild | 3 fish | 5lb | 11oz |
| 4 | Gary Cooper | 3 fish | 5lb | 5oz |
| 5 | Ziggy Leiakowski | 2 fish | 4lb | 8oz |
| 6 | John Wadham | 1 fish | 1lb | 15½oz |

Best fish - Rainbow 5lb 14½oz Dan Perks - White Tadpole - Dickensons Bay

Due to the efforts of a pike, the secretary’s fish came ready gutted!

In 2002 other clubs will be invited to join in

Anglian Water News.

During November & December Winter permit and sunset boat prices apply all day
10 boats will be available throughout November at Rutland.

Boat fishing at Ravensthorpe continues to 31 December

Winter bank leagues.

Saturday league Rutland - starts Saturday 3rd November

Sunday league Grafham - starts Sunday 4th November.

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Fur & Feather matches:-

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| Ravensthorpe | Sunday | 4 th November |
| Pitsford | Sunday | 25 th November |
| Rutland | Sunday | 2 nd December (Details enclosed) |
| Grafham | Sunday | 9 th December |

Tackle sales

Rutland, Grafham & Pitsford – start Saturday 24th November – discounts up to 40% - bargains to be had in all departments.

Special Event - Hardy/Greys open Day – Saturday 24th November

New clothing range - now extended at all AWS shops

Tackle shop hours November – March

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| Rutland | 9.00am - 4.00pm | 7 days a week |
| Grafham | 9.00am - 4.00pm | Tuesday - Friday. (10.00am - 3.00pm at weekends) |
| Pitsford | 10.00am - 3.00pm | Friday to Monday |

Quiz night Grafham Water Lodge 7th February 20002. Contact John Mees at Grafham for details

For further details of all the above contact the respective lodges on:-

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| Rutland | 01780 686441 |
| Grafham | 01480 810531 |
| Pitsford | 01604 781350 |
| Ravensthorpe | 01604 770875 |

Don't forget to return your questionnaires to AWS - your chance to air your views.

Lets hope the fish finish their gymnastics and fly nipping and get down to some serious feeding so that we can get down to some serious fishing!

Don't forget that, as the fishing pressure reduces in November, so the fish become more daring and a little closer to the bank each day. In 1998 and last year November was the best month of the season for quality fish.

Wishing you all tight lines

Yours sincerely

John Wadham