

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

WALTHAMSTOW FLY FISHERS CLUB

APRIL-JUNE 2023

OPENING STATEMENT

Apologies for this addition of the newsletter running late.

The stow as been its normal unpredictable self with it being rock hard one minute then fishing it's socks off the next. The stocking is producing on the whole fish of a good size and in great condition.

At the time of writing this the fish are feeding actively on the fry with so many fry showing, fry patterns working well.

I am still getting complaints about the accuracy of the catch returns and rumours of guys taking more fish than

they say they have taken. I can only suggest we fill in catch returns accurately and hopefully this will become the norm, unfortunately it seams it's acceptable to put down false figures in the book. Let's try to change this. Regarding the tacking of too many fish, this proves more difficult to come up with a solution.

In April we had a day afloat on the boats at Grafham with a group of members having a great day. We all caught lots of fish and was good to see some of the members having a great day afloat.



**Vinny catching at Grafham*

THE FISHING



**Ben catching on the causeway of F1*



**Jim catching a brownie*



**Billy with a brownie*

ANNUAL FARMOOR TRIP

In May we had our annual coach trip to Farmoor. 17 of us went and we had a great days fishing in the poring rain, it rained constantly all day. The fish were feeding at distance but if you could

reach them you were well rewarded. Some guys catching in excess of 30 fish. I don't think the rain dampened spirits and everyone enjoyed themselves catching some good quality hard fighting fish.

The club subsidised the coach and

Thames Water allowed us to fish for free so all it cost was £20, great value day out.

Thank you TW.

BOAT DAY OUT AT RUTLAND

In June we had another boat day out at Rutland Water.

We had a good turn out for this but unfortunately the reservoir had switched off and the fish were hard to find and

catch. We all struggled at first but we all managed to find some feeding fish eventually. It was good to see guys that do not normally fish Rutland enjoy the day on which is my favourite reservoir, there is definitely something magical about Rutland. Some of the guys stayed in a hotel locally.

We can organise more of these days if you guys are interested.



**Andrew catching a stunning brownie*



**Rutland in the sunshine*

COMPETITION NEWS

MACMILLAN COMPETITION

In May we had the first competition of the year at the stow. This was an open charity competition we organise on behalf of Thames Water with the Mac-Millan Trust being TW chosen charity.

The day was challenging with bright

sunshine all day and most struggling to catch, the fish caught were a good size though. The fish didn't want to know imitative patterns and instead preferred something bright pulled on a sinking line.

Winner was Gary Morris who was one of only two anglers to get his four fish

limit. Gary won a season ticket for 4&5. Second was George Pavli who also caught four fish. George won a season ticket for the East Warwick. I was third with three fish. I received a boat for two at Farmoor.

Thames Waters donation of the prizes allowed us to raise £600 on the day.



**Gary winning first place and a season ticket*



**Jim catching on the east bank*



**Competitors enjoying the sunshine*

WEDNESDAY EVENING LEAGUE

The Wednesday evening league is well underway with Matt McColl the clear runaway leader at the moment. A full report will be in the next newsletter.



**Ray fishing the causeway*



**Vince fishing into the sunset*

LOCH STYLE TEAM COMPETITIONS

Walthamstow Wulff's

Our squad is: Tony Fox, Frank Daley, Jon Allen, John Ferguson, Mike Heritage, Matt McColl, Billy Bridgeworth, Andrew Smith and Ian Watts.

We chose our teams from this squad.

We entered the Airflo team championship at Draycote in May and we finished mid table narrowly missing out on qualifying for the final.

The Renegades 6x4 league is underway and we are mid way through the league and we are sitting in mid table. The majority of our team are relative novices to team fishing and we are all learning so much. There is a big gap

between us and the top teams who have been around for years but I think we are closing the gap. The best thing is everyone enjoying it.

So far we have fished rounds at Draycote, Rutland and Grafham.



**Frank catching fin perfect Rutland trout on dries*



**More huge trout for Frank*



**Peter gearing up for the competition*

FLY OF THE SEASON



MYLAR RIB HARES EAR Difficulty - Easy

Really successful suggestive nymph through the summer and autumn. Imitating buzzer, pin fry, corixa, and shrimp.

TYING

Step 1: Put down a base of the olive tying thread and catch in the cock fibers.

Step 2: Tie in the mylar rib and loosely dub the stickle dub into a dubbing rope.

Step 3: Wind the dubbing rope up in touching turns and rib with the mylar in open turns. Three turns of rib is perfect. Finish 3mm short of the eye.

Step 5: Really loosely dub the same amount of stickle dub and wind onto the thorax. This will look odd, but will

come into its own when brushed out later.

Step 6: Tie off and swap to the red thread. Tie in the red thread and form a small head. Whip finish and varnish.

Step 7: Brush out the body and especially the thorax with velcro. This will create a buggy effect that the rib will shine through when wet.

MATERIALS

Fasna 310 size 12 hook, olive thread (UTC 70), red thread (UTC 70), medium mylar tinsel, natural veniard stickle dub.

Billy

CLOSING STATEMENT

The fishing over the last few months has been challenging at times both at the Stow and other waters.

Unusually high temperatures and unpredictable winds have been a problem but when it's been good it has been very good.

One for the diary, on the 9th September we have our "open day" at the Stow. This is just a get together and hopefully invite a beginner along, free fishing for anyone who hasn't fished before. A chance for us to all meet up. Other events coming up are the Haven House and the Autumn series.

In September WFFC member Tony Fox is fishing for England in the Autumn four nations on the lake of Menteith in Scotland. Good luck Tony.

I am looking to see if there is a free date in October to have another trip to one of the reservoirs, Draycote maybe.

If anyone has any ideas on activities members might like let me know.

Tight lines guys and hope to see you soon.



**More photos of Frank catching*