

Bristol Water Fishery Report

27th September – 26th October

BW Lakeside

Join us for our End of Season Bash!

This is your chance to compete, have fun, and celebrate another fantastic fishing season at Bristol Water. Grab your fishing partner and get ready for an exciting day on the water!

Book your spot IN PAIRS by calling or visiting the lodge.

Card payments taken on Club Mate system only, so we can refund you easily if the weather decides to change its mind!

Call the lodge on 01275332339

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BRISTOL WATER
END OF SEASON BASH

BRISTOL WATER FISHERIES

Sunday the 3rd of November
Chew Valley Lake
9am till 4pm, **£40** per person
Fishery Rules - if the fishery allow it- you can use it.
2 fish kill, 12 fish C&R with time bonus.

PRIZES:
1st place wins a monthly season ticket & a £250 BW voucher
2nd place wins £125 BW voucher
3rd place wins £50 BW voucher
each person in winning pair wins a voucher
The Woodford will also give a breakfast voucher for 1st, 2nd & 3rd places.

"Bad beat" prize for the angler that loses to his partner by largest score.

This is a pairs match
you won't fish with your pairing - there will be a boat draw taken before hand.

Call Woodford Lodge to book and pay, payment taken for you and partner at the same time.

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With the days drawing in and the weather cooling, we have seen the start of our 2024 winter Pike trials and some incredible competition results. The rangers have been busy grading fry and sorting eggs ready for the coming season. Along with increased bank checks and maintaining the fleet of boats. Some of you will have noticed the bank clearing on Chew allowing better access for the end of the season angling.

Weather Conditions:

Over the last month, the weather conditions have been a real mixed bag with a mixture of warm sunny days with no winds to cold easterly winds, torrential rain and high winds coming from the south. With the slightly more coloured water on Chew lake, the warm sunny days proved very productive with both lure and fly angling as the bright light would illuminate the lures and flies provoking a response.

Chew Valley Lake:

Fish Caught:

- **Top Patterns:** Floating lines and fry patterns! With the fry feeding fully underway, the most effective and popular patterns included Sparkler flies and lures including Minkies and White snakes. When the fry feeding was off, other top patterns included hoppers, olive and claret nymphs. The other option was to put on tequila fabs and blobs on a Di 3 line and pull!
- **Best Areas:** The most productive areas have been the Woodford bank all the way through Walley bank to the Dam, Wick green and between the cages.

Competitions On Chew:

Fluff Chucker's Multi Species 28/09/24

This is one of the more unique competitions in our calendar! Targeting multiple species on the fly is a growing part of the sport and this competition is building a great following! Anglers from all over the country came to pit their wits against the Pike, Brown Trout, Perch and Rainbow Trout that reside in Chew. The weather stayed settled with slight winds and sunny periods. All four species were caught with a total of 84 Perch, 63 Pike, 21 Rainbows and 1 Brown! With an additional catch of 8 Rudd!

The results are as follows

- David Roscow had the largest Pike at 17lb.
- John Bradley the one and only Brown Trout of the day at 4lb 11oz
- Andy Cheetham with a 2oz Perch (just goes to show it pays to weigh everything)
- Andrew Eglon Rainbow Trout 4lb 12oz
- Oliver Cullingford and Andrew Eglon best combined boat pair score.
- With best individual score went to Oliver Cullingford.



Congratulations to all the successful anglers and to Rodney Wevill for organising such a great event!

Lure Angling Society

The Lure Anglers Society Pike Cup was a huge success! Plenty of Pike caught including at least three over twenty pounds and a good number of doubles. During this competition, we saw well over 100 fish banked with competition adjudicator Eric suggesting the number may be closer to 200. The weather for that day was intermittent sunshine with a light breeze. With slightly limited visibility on Chew many of the catches were when the sun was out allowing the lures to become more visible to the pike.

The results of the day were measured in total length of 3 biggest fish combined:

- Ryan Dolby took the longest pike, at 101cm weighed at 24lbs.
- The heaviest was a 100cm specimen caught by Will Webster weighing in at 27lbs. Which was also a new personal best for him.
- The competition was incredibly close with 18 of the 25 boats recording lengths greater than 2m for their three biggest fish and it was also incredibly exciting.

Kevin Cox	Dave Mower	90	94	95	279
Neil Vine	Dave Mutton	99	71	93	263
Ryan Dolby	Karl Bird	101	73	85	259
Emma Evans	Will Webster	72	100	75	247
Andy Page	Dan Brackley	86	77	82	245
Lee Brackley	George Mason	75	79	87	241
Sam Ross	Aaron Williams	77	72	90	239
Alex Cheregi	Tibi Nica	72	75	80	227
Alan Parks	Paul Goodwin	75	76	72	223
Vern Novy	Adam Demery	77	74	70	221
Peter Coxhead	Mike Gray	81	71	68	220
Alan Robson	Andy Dougan	69	81	68	218
Gavin Fudge	Alex Crow	67	70	76	213
Andrew McNicholas	Lewis Olnor	72	75	65	212
Alex Mason	Ian Crook	73	66	71	210
Maciej Siemienic	Michal Urbanski	68	69	69	206
Ade Hawes	Vince Greenham	62	61	82	205
Darren Smith	Shane Close	68	73	60	201
Tomasz Chomaniuk	Damian Piech	72	63	62	197
Sean Frew	Danny Frew	60	68	56	184
Steve Wilson	Nick Wilson	47	69	58	174
Matthew Gale	Trevor Gunning	64	51	46	161
Steve Bridgen	David Yardley	71	58		129
Russ Alexander	Dan Alexander	47	65		112
Jamie Potts		27	62		89

- Kev Cox and Dave Mower took first place for the entirety of the day with a total length of 279cm.
- Neil Vine and Dave Mutton pulled off the comeback of the century and they logged a fish of 99cm at the very end of the comp which elevated them from 19th place up to second with 263cm!
- Ryan Dolby and Karl Bird came in third with 259cm
- Will Webster and Emma Evans fourth with 247cm.
- Another prize was given to smallest Pike which was won by James Potts with a 27cm pike taking a lure almost the size of itself.



We want to thank all the LAS for an amazing competition and to Eric for making sure all anglers were respecting the water and most importantly the fish!

Garafit Cup

After being cancelled twice the Garafit Cup finally got underway on the 19th of October, this competition is the largest individual event of the year. Hosted on Chew with a huge 74 fishermen taking part including 3 Juniors and 3 female anglers!

The conditions were testing with a mixture of bright sunshine and breezy conditions, this did however mean that we got to see some very technical angling. One of the most effective methods was a fast glass line with tequila blobs and fabs. Even in tougher conditions this didn't stop a total of 343 trout caught over the day with a rod average of 4.65.

Bristol Water Fisheries		GARAFIT Services Limited						
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Garafit Cup 2024								
Angler	2 Fish	Time of Second Fish	Released fish	Time Bonus	Total weight			
	released		Time Released	Time Bonus	lb	Oz		
Tony Baldwin	45b 15a	10:08	12	24	10:35	26	31	7
Lloyd Palfrey	45b 2nd	10:45	11	22		26	2	
Andrew Lewis	45b 14a	10:45	10	20		24	14	
Warr Russell	45b 13a	10:45	10	20		24	13	
Andrew Bannister	45b 14c	10:45	9	18		20	1	
John Harris	55b 8a	10:10	7	14		19	6	
Sean Glover	45b 14a	10:31	7	14		18	14	
Paul Morris	35b 10a	10:18	6	12		18	10	
James Rice	55b 10a	10:30	6	12		17	10	
Alan Williams	45b 14a	10:22	6	12		16	14	
Steve Jones	45b 14a	14:31	6	12		16	14	
Andrew Rayson	45b 8a	11:23	6	12		16	8	
Dave Reynolds	35b 14a	10:18	6	12		15	14	
Jay Curry	35b 13a	09:51	5	10		15	19	
Callum Russell	35b 10a	14:45	6	12		15	10	
Paul Houch	45b 13a	09:40	5	10		14	12	
John Gumbelton	45b 8a	10:25	5	10		14	8	
David Newing	45b 8a	11:50	5	10		14	8	
Arwel Williams	45b 2a	09:05	5	10		14	2	
Paul Goding	45b 7a	09:17	4	8		12	7	
Gordon Smith	45b 8a	09:41	4	8		12	8	
Wince Howley	45b 8a	12:40	4	8		12	4	
Steve Ebdon	35b 12a	12:00	4	8		11	12	
Graham Curtis	35b 8a	10:45	3	6		11	8	
Sean Russell	35b 8a	10:31	4	8		11	8	
Neil Jones	35b 8a	10:05	4	8		11	5	
Paul Jones	35b 8a	10:43	4	8		11	4	
Dale Burgess	45b 14a	09:42	3	6		10	14	
Paul Shannon	45b 12a	10:02	3	6		10	12	
Nigel Evans	35b 8a	10:51	3	6		9	10	
Steve Davies	35b 8a	11:27	3	6		9	8	
Paddy Mountain	35b 7a	11:45	3	6		9	1	
Garry Whitham	35b 8a	09:25	2	4		9	4	
Mark Barber	35b 8a	10:25	2	4		9	2	
Richard Elms	45b 8a	11:02	2	4		8	5	
Julian Woodley	45b 8a	14:31	1	2		8	8	
John Oiler	45b 8a	10:45	2	4		8	5	
Bill Pugh	35b 14a	10:42	2	4		7	14	
Dave Mackridge	35b 10a	10:37	2	4		7	10	
Bennie Weaver	35b 10a	13:10	1	2		7	10	
Sean Torrington	35b 7a	11:25	1	2		7	7	
Stephen Docherty	35b 8a	10:00	2	4		7	6	
Andrew Woods	35b 8a	11:06	1	2		7	5	
Alan Johnson	45b 14a	09:48	1	2		6	14	
Nicolaus Hunt	45b 14a	12:42	1	2		6	14	
Tony Torrington	45b 12a	12:08	1	2		6	11	
Sally Pugh	45b 12a	10:38	1	2		6	10	
Alex Bobbie	45b 8a	14:30	1	2		6	8	
Bob Hemmings	45b 8a	12:17	1	2		6	4	
Dave Johns	45b 8a	14:30	1	2		6	4	
Marco Orr	55b 2a	12:45				6	2	
Neil Tompkins	35b 13a	11:51	1	2		5	17	
James Roberts	35b 8a	14:20	1	2		5	9	
Nick Long	35b 8a	12:30	1	2		5	4	
Jimmy Maxwell	45b 7a	13:17				4	7	
Dave Green	45b 8a	12:00				4	9	
Paul Swainson	45b 8a	12:20	3	6		4	4	
John Gule	45b 8a	13:25				4	4	
John Bradshaw	45b 8a	10:40				4	3	
Andy Goding	35b 12a	10:45				3	10	
Stephen Ellis	35b 12a					2	10	
Graff Lambert	35b 8a					2	4	
Mark Morris	35b 8a					2	4	
Mark Kennedy	35b 10a					2	1	
Tom Maxwell	35b 14a					2	1	
Matt Kingston	35b 8a					2	0	
Paul Shannon	35b 8a					2	0	
Alan Clark	35b 14a					2	14	
Chris Fuller	35b 12a					1	10	
Mark Miles	35b 8a					1	9	
Treas Davies	35b 8a					1	9	
Alan Hughes						0	0	
Graff Thompson						0	0	
John Humphrey						0	0	

343 fish caught.
212 Released. Rod Ave: 4.65

The results were an astonishing with Tony Baldwin bagging up and winning the comp with a total poundage of 31lb 7oz. Congratulations Tony!

Here are some of the photos taken by photographer Diana on the day!





A big thank you to Mark Stevens for organising such a great competition and to Diana_photo_pure for providing great photos of the day. Another big thank you too all the sponsors of the Garafit for providing such excellent prizes for the winning anglers!

Pike Trials

October has also seen the return of the Pike Trials on Chew. Anglers from across the UK head out to catch the Chew beasts using Dead Bait and Lures! The trials started on the 8th of October and has seen some great pike caught. Some of the best include:



Steve Gould with his 30lb Pike (TOP) Alan Buckingham 31lb 8oz! (BOTTOM)

Congratulations to all the anglers catching these amazing monster fish! Brilliant angling.

New and Improved Bank Access at Woodford!

We're excited to announce that we've cleared the brush in front of Woodford Bank, creating much easier access for all anglers! With the overgrowth gone, you'll find more space to set up and greater freedom for casting. Come down, see the changes, and make the most of the improved bank access.



Blagdon Lake

Fish Caught:

- **Top Patterns:** Floating lines and fry patterns! Just like Chew, the Sparkler flies and lures including Minkies and white Snakes proved very effective. Others included foam Daddies, Hoppers, olive and claret Nymphs including Crunchers and Daiwl Bachs.
- **Best Areas:** The most productive areas have been the in front of Blagdon lodge from the bank and boat all the way down to Cheddar water and in front of the Dam. We have also had recent reports of some larger fish coming out of the top end towards Rugmore.

HIDDEN TEAMS REPORT



Saturday the 12th saw the Hidden Teams take place on Blagdon. With blagdon fishing well it was set to be an exciting comp. This comp saw 26 anglers compete. The all started with a very fitting moment of silence for a fellow fisherman, Alan Shearn who sadly passed away earlier this month.

With fishing mostly being around the lodge area itself the best tactics were to get on floating lines with a mix of nymphs, Daddies or Black boobies. Although it was said that hooking the fish wasn't the problem, it was keeping them on the lines! That didn't stop some incredible catches and the end results being:

- **Top Rod** - Graham Currie with 11 fish
 - Dave Reynolds also had 11 fish but was beat by Graham on a time bonus.
- **Best Junior** - Will Wellman
- **First Place Team** - Dave Reynolds, Jesse Gale & Paul Crook
- **Second Place Team** - Graham Currie, Ian Scadding & Will Wellman
- **Third Place Team** - Tony Coxhead, John Bowen & Tim Kamei

Congratulations to all the competitors and a big thanks to the BRFFA for organising another brilliant comp. A special mention to Bernie Weaver who we were told was an excellent chef on the day!



BFFA Autumn Comp

Sunday the 13th of October.

With the Hidden Teams comp the day before a lot of the anglers knew just what to do with floating lines or 3ft tips being the line of choice for many, with Fabs and Boobies top and point. Like the hidden teams, the problem was keeping the fish on the lines!

Dave Reynolds took top place with 8 fish. With the next 3 anglers having 7 each but separated by their respective times. Shaun Glover, Alan Clark and Dale Burges for 2nd 3rd and 4th.

BLAARDON FLY FISHERS - AUTUMN COMPETITION - BLAARDON 13th OCTOBER 2024

	NAME	1 ST FISH	4 TH FISH	TOTAL BAGG	TIME BONUS	POSITION
1.	RAK ANDERSON					
2.	SHAUN BRATHWAITE	09:45	16:20	5		7 th
3.	DALE BURGESS	11:05	13:03	7		3 rd & 4 th .
4.	ALAN CLARK	09:34	12:20	6	7	5 th & 3 rd .
5.	GRAHAM CURRIE	09:40	16:20	4		9 th
6.	SHAUN GLOVER	09:24	12:47	7		2 nd
7.	PAUL GOLDING	12:49		2		11 th
8.	ALEX JOHNSTONE	3:56		3		10 th
9.	GRAFF LAMBERT					
10.	STEVE POPE	09:53	10:50	5		8 th
11.	BILL PUGH	10:10	11:00	6		4 th & 5 th .
12.	DAVE REYNOLDS	09:31	10:50	8		1 ST
13.	TIM WELLMAN					
14.	LEE WILLIAMS	11:32	15:17	5		6 th
TOTAL No. of FISH				58	59	
ROD AVERAGE				4.8	5.29	

There was a total of 59 fish caught with a rod average of 5.29.

Thank you to the BFFA for organising the competition.



Blagdon Pike Fly

Pike fly on Blagdon has seen some great fish in the last month. With weather conditions being so erratic it's been harder to establish any one area that the pike were holding up. That didn't stop Justin Jarvis from pulling in an amazing 37.5lber on the 4th of October:



Barrows Tanks

Fish Caught:

- **Top Patterns:** Nymphs and sparkler flies have also been very effective on Barrows, the most productive times were the first and last hours of the day. Stickleback and Fry patterns have also been reported to be catching well throughout the day by the inflows.
- **Best Areas:** Slack water and in the inflows



Notable Catch: Adrian Shaw had this brilliant 5.8lber from the tanks! Great angling!

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In summary, the past month has been full of changing weather and big competitions! We've seen the lakes rising rapidly with the huge amount of rainfall we've experienced in the last few weeks which has also make fishing more exciting for the bank anglers! Both Chew and blagdon have continued to produce high steady numbers of catches for Trout and some massive predatory Pike! With the last month of the season approaching, we urge anyone to get out on the bank before we close, the fishing at this time of year can be testing be the results can also be fantastic!

Alan Shearn

This month we very sadly lost a fellow angler and friend, Alan Shearn. In the words of the BRFFA 'Alan was simply a fantastic bloke. An expert bank angler he was a dedicated BRFFA member and loved his fishing club and the friends he made within it. For many years he supported the club in all aspects of its running, competitions, auctions, family days, in fact anything that gave back to sport he loved'

Alan was a true gentleman, and his passing is a great loss to the angling community. All our thoughts are with Alans family and friends. Rest in peace Alan.

