



Fishing Report - Week ending Sun 27th April 2025

It's great to see our rod average increase again this week to 6.49.

The reservoir has produced some excellent sport with the quality and size of the fish being caught have been amazing.

The week did start quite wet and cold, a typical bank holiday Monday...

This didn't deter the fish with 5 of our anglers catching 15 plus fish. A number of these anglers were practising ahead of the Spring open so a very good start to the week. Most fish were caught on nymphs and buzzers around Halfmoon field, Sheepwash and Middlewood.

As the week progressed the weather improved, and the buzzer hatches were immense.

This did result in catch rates reducing a little despite huge amount a fish being seen over Thursday and Friday. The amount of natural food seemed to deter the fish and the need to for brighter patterns like snakes, hothead damsels and gold head montana's were often found to be better. Most anglers managed to find the fish and had lots of takes but getting them hooked and to the boat was a challenge.

Luckily the cloud cover helped on Saturday and plenty of fish were caught through out the Spring Open Competition. See more details below.

In addition to the success of the Spring Open Competition one of our customers who was just out pleasure fishing and not part of the competition caught a massive 7lbs 14oz rainbow, see picture below. Carl and his boat partner fished on the west side of the water and between the islands. This spectacular fish was caught on a Vickers buzzer, this fly has a small collar of gold which must have been the tempting features for this fine specimen of a rainbow.

Sunday was a little quieter with just 5 boats out, catches were still high, and buzzers were still the favourite. Boats fished a little further south in Upperfields bay and Millfield's, Mark Harrison returned for a 3rd day this week and went in search another large rainbow unfortunately he couldn't match that of Saturday but did bring 9 fish to the boat.

The week ahead is looking to be dry, warm with light winds.

Jetty Times

Now that the clocks have changed, we have fishing options of, 8.30 – 17.30, 9.00 – 18.00 or 8.30 – 14.00. Please make sure you choose a suitable time option when booking online.

Our online booking system is live, see detail below on how to make your booking

All boats must be booked in advance.

[Click here for prices and booking](#)



Carl Burdett with his spectacular 7lb 14oz rainbow, caught on a Vicar's Buzzer.

Rod Average

The rod average for this week was 6.49 with 578 fish caught by 89 anglers.

Best Rainbow/Brown

The heaviest rainbows caught this week weighed 8lbs 14oz caught by Carl Burdett whilst fishing on buzzers.

Methods & Flies

The most popular line have been by far floating with many fish being caught much closer to the surface and a little further out from the banks, especially during the later part of the week as the temperature rose a little. The most popular flies have been buzzers, nymphs, daiwlbach's, Montana, cormorants, hot head damsels and pink snakes.

Top Spot

The most popular spots have been, all across the east bank from Middle wood to Millfield's, Shinning ford, stones and sailing club island.



Spring Open Results

Saturday was our Spring Open 2025. This competition is a friendly event fished with known pairs. It's an ideal competition for our regular anglers to get involved especially those that fish the water often.

The morning started off a little chilly, winds stayed light, the cloud cover was ideal, and the temperatures increased as the day progressed. It was perfect fishing conditions.

All 12 boats left the jetty at 9am and fishery staff waited in anticipation to see how long it would take for the first boat to return with a full 8 fish. The first boat returned to the jetty at 9.59am after catching their 8 fish.

Anglers who had practiced on the previous 2 days had struggled a little, despite seeing masses of fish the huge amount of natural life with buzzer hatches the fish had been very picky after possible overindulgence of natural fly.

Paul & Sue Sissons were the first to return at 10.15am catching their 8 fish in just over an hour. Their overall bag weight was 13lbs 11oz being boosted to 19lbs 11oz with their 6lb time bonus.

Just 15 minutes later (10.30am) our regular, local anglers David Cruddace and Paul Pearce returned with 8 fish weighing 19lbs 8 oz inc 6lbs time bonus. Unfortunately their catch wasn't quite heavy enough to take 1st place.

We were soon to see our 3rd boat return at 10.44am, when

Mark Harrison & Phil Dixon returned with a collective bag weight of 22lbs 14oz inc 6lbs time bonus which at this point in the day put them on the top spot.

Just after midday (12.18) Pete Skelton and Rob Wheeldon weighed in a collective bag of 22lbs 10oz, not quite heavy enough to move above Mark & Phil.

Two more boats followed within the next half hour, but it was Simon Peck & Andrew Bate who came in at 13.48 who were to be the winning boat.

The competition finished at 5pm with all but 1 boat catching and 10 out of 12 boats catching their 8 fish and weighing in prior to 5pm.

The final result was as follows;

Overall Winners - Simon Peck & Andrew Bate

Simon & Andrew didn't weigh in until after 1pm however their winning place was thanks to the cracking 4lbs 8oz rainbow caught by Simon, this brought their bag to 24lbs 8oz including a 3lbs time bonus. Awarding them first prize.

Simons 4lb 8oz rainbow brought him a clean sweep with the prizes he went on to take the prize for

**Heaviest Overall bag = 12lbs 14oz plus the
prize for the Biggest Fish (John Wilson trophy)**

Most anglers went back out to pleasure fish after weighing in and the average catch was 10 per boat, the water certainly produced some excellent sport throughout the day.

Thank you to Tony Higton for organising the event, prizes, refreshments, weighing and results.

The results and pictures of the event are below and here is a link to the full results page
[Spring Open 2025 Results](#)

Thank you for your support with this excellent competition,
Well done to you all.

We look forward to hosting the Autumn Open on Sat 5th October, booking are open on our website.

