

Again, another very wet month of March keeping the lower river a little too high to fish comfortably. Surely the weather in April will be better behaved and we can then all enjoy some decent fishing.

Some pro's and con's of fishing lower river beats -

During periods of very low rainfall in the spring and summer, the lower part of the river really comes into it's own and fishes quite well as it maintains a decent flow, it holds fish in the pools as they are reluctant to travel upstream. The middle and upper part of the Eden struggles, the water level drops and warms rapidly and fish will just not travel upstream in those conditions. Many salmon and trout actually migrate back downstream from the upper parts of the Eden in times of drought. Fishing into the evening at these times can be very rewarding.

If we have high water during the summer and spring, the fish just go straight through the lower beats without stopping, the sea trout fishing at night does not happen, the brown trout fishing is difficult and you wished you never bought a ticket on the lower river! What's the answer? Hedge your bets with another beat upstream, or gamble on climate change getting warmer and keep your lower river ticket as everyone else will want one soon!

There have been some decent salmon in the high teens of pounds and one over twenty that have been entering the river and caught further upstream which is good to see. I think when the water levels drop and there is stable weather conditions we should see much improvement on last year's results.

Big tides from the 7th to the 13th April so be careful of the times of high water.

Peter and I spent the day at Beaumont last week repairing some of the flood damage over the winter period. The bench is now reinstated on the Willow Bed and also the ladder down to the water along with fence and style repair. Although the river was running at two feet, there has been some gravel movement and one big log has moved more parallel to the bank. This seems to have created a more laminar run and it looks like the Willow Bed can now be fished and the best of the pool covered from the bank without the need to wade. We have taken a small tree out half way down to allow that, this pool is exceptionally good in low water for both trout and salmon and has the perfect flow.

We are still waiting for the Cherrim lane to lose some water before we can work on it, it can be accessed okay if you keep to the right and take it steady.

The last two days have been dry and the river level steadily dropping -

<https://check-for-flooding.service.gov.uk/station/5127>

Please find the tide table for April attached, add two hours and twenty minutes for high tide time.

The Arter rotation- lower beat on odd days and upper on even days.

The Harrison rotation- upper beat on odd days and lower on even days.

The sand martins return this month, large dark olive, grannom and later olive uprights the flies to replicate, as the water warms the surface activity should begin.

All the very best of luck for April from Peter and myself!

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LAVER'S LIVERPOOL (Gladstone) TIDES

APRIL 2024

All times shown are GMT - add one hour from 0100 31 March to 0200 27 October

● New Moon ● First Quarter ○ Full Moon ● Last Quarter

Date	HIGH WATER						LOW WATER						SUN MOON				
	Morning			Afternoon			Morning			Afternoon			Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Ph.
	Time	M	Ft	Time	M	Ft	Time	M	Ft	Time	M	Ft					
1 Mon	0245	8.0	26.2	1511	7.7	25.2	0930	2.9	9.4	2154	3.3	10.7	0545	1848	0239	0832	
2 Tue	0345	7.6	24.8	1625	7.2	23.7	1033	3.2	10.6	2311	3.6	11.9	0542	1850	0333	0940	●
3 Wed	0514	7.3	23.9	1809	7.1	23.4				1207	3.3	10.9	0540	1852	0410	1105	0316
4 Thu	0648	7.5	24.6	1941	7.6	25.0	0100	3.5	11.5	1343	2.9	9.4	0537	1854	0435	1239	
5 Fri	0805	8.1	26.6	2046	8.3	27.3	0223	2.9	9.5	1459	2.2	7.1	0535	1856	0452	1414	
6 Sat	0903	8.8	29.0	2137	9.0	29.4	0327	2.2	7.1	1601	1.5	4.8	0533	1857	0504	1549	
7 Sun	0952	9.5	31.0	2222	9.4	31.0	0422	1.5	5.0	1654	0.9	2.8	0530	1859	0515	1724	
8 Mon	1036	9.9	32.5	2303	9.7	31.9	0511	1.0	3.3	1740	0.5	1.6	0528	1901	0526	1858	●
9 Tue	1119	10.2	33.3	2344	9.8	32.2	0555	0.7	2.1	1822	0.3	1.1	0525	1903	0537	2033	1823
10 Wed				1202	10.2	33.3	0637	0.5	1.7	1901	0.5	1.5	0523	1905	0550	2209	
11 Thu	0024	9.7	31.9	1243	9.9	32.5	0717	0.7	2.1	1938	0.8	2.8	0521	1906	0608	2342	
12 Fri	0103	9.4	31.0	1324	9.5	31.0	0756	1.0	3.3	2013	1.4	4.7	0518	1908	0635		
13 Sat	0142	9.0	29.6	1407	8.8	29.0	0835	1.6	5.2	2048	2.1	7.0	0516	1910	0714	0105	
14 Sun	0224	8.5	27.9	1455	8.1	26.7	0918	2.3	7.4	2128	2.9	9.4	0514	1912	0809	0210	
15 Mon	0315	7.9	26.0	1556	7.4	24.4	1012	2.9	9.5	2221	3.5	11.6	0511	1914	0919	0255	●
16 Tue	0423	7.4	24.2	1719	7.0	22.9	1131	3.4	11.0	2354	3.9	12.9	0509	1916	1036	0324	1914
17 Wed	0553	7.1	23.4	1851	7.0	22.9				1304	3.4	11.0	0507	1917	1154	0343	
18 Thu	0718	7.3	24.0	2003	7.4	24.2	0133	3.8	12.4	1418	3.0	9.9	0505	1919	1310	0357	
19 Fri	0821	7.7	25.3	2054	7.8	25.7	0241	3.4	11.0	1515	2.6	8.5	0502	1921	1424	0407	
20 Sat	0907	8.1	26.7	2132	8.2	27.0	0330	2.9	9.4	1559	2.2	7.3	0500	1923	1537	0415	
21 Sun	0945	8.5	27.8	2205	8.5	28.0	0408	2.5	8.1	1635	1.9	6.3	0458	1925	1649	0423	
22 Mon	1018	8.7	28.7	2236	8.8	28.8	0442	2.1	7.0	1707	1.7	5.6	0456	1926	1802	0430	
23 Tue	1050	8.9	29.2	2305	8.9	29.3	0513	1.8	6.1	1737	1.6	5.2	0454	1928	1917	0438	○
24 Wed	1120	9.0	29.4	2335	9.0	29.5	0545	1.7	5.4	1808	1.5	5.0	0451	1930	2036	0448	2351
25 Thu	1151	8.9	29.3				0618	1.6	5.1	1839	1.6	5.1	0449	1932	2157	0500	
26 Fri	0005	9.0	29.5	1221	8.9	29.1	0651	1.6	5.3	1909	1.7	5.6	0447	1934	2318	0519	
27 Sat	0036	8.9	29.2	1254	8.7	28.6	0724	1.8	5.8	1941	2.0	6.5	0445	1936		0546	
28 Sun	0111	8.7	28.7	1330	8.5	27.8	0800	2.0	6.6	2015	2.3	7.6	0443	1937	0031	0629	
29 Mon	0150	8.5	27.8	1413	8.1	26.7	0838	2.3	7.6	2054	2.7	8.9	0441	1939	0130	0730	
30 Tue	0238	8.1	26.7	1509	7.8	25.4	0926	2.7	8.7	2146	3.1	10.2	0439	1941	0212	0849	

ALWAYS CHECK THE WEATHER!

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