

Charles Darwin's 'On the Origin of Species' turned the world upside down. It challenged perceived thought and ideas and our understanding of the world and our place in it. It put into question many strongly held beliefs and challenged the very core of our religious institutions. However, those institutions survived and showed that old ideas can still live alongside new theories. One of Darwin's theories was that all life has its origins in, what he called, a 'warm little pond,' a theory that is still valid today. A belief that suggests that we all have a common ancestor and that out of the waters of ancient times walked the creatures of the world today. From that one common gene we can but stand in awe at the many paths that life has taken and marvel at how everything that lives and breathes can trace its roots back to that 'little warm pond'.

The weather has been remarkably consistent over the past few weeks, and we are now almost expecting to wake up to a sunny day. The skies have been blue with very little cloud cover, but the warm sun has been negated by, at times, a very chilly wind that has whipped across the lake from the North and East.

The water temperature is now 15 degrees C which is ideal for the fish, and this has proved to be good for the anglers too with plenty of fish being caught from both bank and boat. The fish at the present, appear to be a foot or two below the surface and are taking a variety of fly. Last week there was a large hatch of brown beetle as well as hawthorn fly. The fish are not far from the shoreline and seem to be in quite large pods, so if you hit a pod, you are in for a good day's fishing.

The fishing has been almost counter intuitive in that you would think that the sunny bright days would make fishing difficult but on the contrary the fishing has been good as illustrated by Ned and Barry on a boat on a sunny Thursday, coming back having caught a full complement of fish.

Last Thursday Mr. Crompton had a good day catching the biggest fish of the week, a 5lb 0oz Rainbow, his bag also included a lovely 3lb 6oz Brownie.

This week the Cheshire, Manchester and Lancashire police force held their annual competition at the Brenig. They had a great practice day on Wednesday and the final day on Thursday proved to be a great success too. Hopefully the results will be in next weeks, much anticipated, fishing report!!

Boat anglers have had success around the cages, Hafod Lom, Tower Bay, Visitors Centre and Sailing Club Bay as well as the Brenig Arm which is still holding fish.

Bank hot spots this week have been Nant Glyn Shore, Hafod Lom, Tower Bay, Visitors Centre Shore and the Sailing Club.

The top flies this week are Daddy Long Legs, Hawthorne fly, Olive Damsel, zonkers, diawl bach, crunchers, buzzers and various blobs and Boobies.

The Rural Crimes Squad and the local constabulary as well as Craig Evans, the fisheries bailiff have been making regular license and permit checks over the past few weeks and will continue to do so over the coming fishing season. Hopefully their presence will deter those that fish the lakes without permits etc.

Due to a car rally this Saturday, May 17th, Llyn Alwen will be closed to anglers.

The main gates will be shutting at 6.00pm this week and all boats need to be back on the jetty by 5.15pm.

Tight Lines –
Jim Jenkins – Seasonal Ranger

Weeks Top Facts

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Boat Fishing Hotspots	, Hafod Lom, Tower Bay, Visitors Centre and Sailing Club Bay as well as the Brenig Arm
Top Flies	Daddy Long Legs, Hawthorne fly, Olive Damsel, zonkers, diawl bach, crunchers, buzzers and various blobs and Boobies.
Top Bag	14lbs 8oz – Rich Hughes.
Biggest Fish	5lbs 0oz - Mr. Crompton.
Rod Average	4.2 fish per angler (Including fish returned).



Mike Lewis catching a lovely brown trout on Thursday.



Paul's Fly of the Week – Daddy Long Legs.

