

Tanzania, a lifetime ago, a river running swiftly, deeply, to the wild Indian ocean. A man, skin burnt to teak by the hot African sun, as still as the darkest night, poised, focused, spear in hand, sharpened over village fires, honed from a tree as ancient as the skies. Waiting, patient, skills passed down, repeated through eons by old men marked by the passage of time. Muscles taut, sinews stretched, time to strike like an angry cobra defending its lair.

I remember watching in awe at how this man was able to spear a fish using the skills passed down from generation to generation, the method might be different, but the skills of fishing are the same and one of those skills is patience. The old adage that 'patience is a virtue is a very true one when it comes to fishing as you might have to be patient on the actual day when you go fishing or you need to be patient when you are learning to fly fish and are inducted into the mysteries of the ancient art of fly fishing. Mr. Richard Haythorne took up fly fishing at the start of this year and spent several fruitless days fishing from the bank but with patience and advice from other Brenig anglers Richard finally managed to land his first fish last week and this week he caught three fish and is now confident of catching a lot more! Mr. Steve Dobson was also rewarded for his patience when he landed his first ever brown trout and also the biggest fish he'd ever caught, an 8lb 0oz monster, all in the same day.

Conditions over the last few weeks have been quite testing particularly with some strong winds and some very sunny days. The fish seem to be just below the top of the water but looking up ready to take the dry fly.

It is difficult to keep all of the people happy all of the time, so it is very welcome when the fish farmers receive a compliment as given by Mr. David Jones when he wrote, 'Great fighting fish. Well done. Great job team Brenig.'

There are a number of fishing competitions taking place at Llyn Brenig over the coming weeks. On Sunday the 29<sup>th</sup> of June the Fast Mail heats Competition will be held at Llyn Brenig, whilst on Thursday eight boats are booked for the North Wales Police fly fishing competition, and the following Sunday will see the return of the Welsh Senior Trials to the lake. On Sunday August 3<sup>rd</sup> the Llanilar Classic will be taking place when all the boats are booked out. On Sunday September 28<sup>th</sup> Llyn Brenig will be holding its own fishing competition with the first prize standing at £500. The cost of entry is £60 per person which includes a permit, a boat and food after the competition has finished. You can either book a place online or pop into the fishing shop and book there.

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

Boat anglers' hot spots have been around the cages, Visitors Centre, the Quarry and the North end of the lake behind Barrow Island and the Nant Glyn Shore.

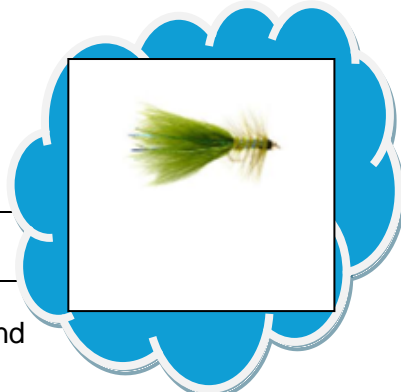
The top flies this week are Daddy Long Legs, Olive Damsel, CDC Buzzer, Montana Cats Whiskers Bibio Hopper and various Blobs and Boobies.

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

## This week's Top Facts

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Top Flies	Daddy Long Legs, Olive Damsel, CDC Buzzer, Montana. Cats Whiskers Bibio Hopper and various Blobs and Boobies.
Top Bag	19 lbs 0oz – Mr. Bob Gibbon
Biggest Fish	8 lbs 0 oz – Mr. Steve Dobson
Rod Average	4.0 fish per angler (Including fish returned).



Paul's Fly of the Week – Olive Damsel

Left: Mr. Stuart Midgley latching onto a fish .

Below: Mike Williams with a lovely 4lb Rainbow.

