

Immortality, the preserve of the Gods, Greek, Roman and all those golden statues of the ancient past. Thor and Zeus, striking the skies with their javelins of brilliant light, Poseidon rearing out of the ocean spray, eternal, ruling the destinies of man until the dying of the sun. Mere mortals quaking in their wake, offering trembling sacrifices to placate their wrath. When we are young, we mimic the Gods, the feeling that we will live forever, to dine with the Gods, untouched by the burdens of life, fearless in the face of danger, forever young as Dylan sang.

However, the reality is that we do live in a dangerous world and as we climb the ladder of life our mortality becomes more apparent to us. Were once we saw no danger and we went where others feared to tread; age makes us wary as we see the face of our own mortality staring back at us from the shores of the river of our last journey.

This is why we need to take extra care when we are fishing as danger can lurk anywhere, a hook in the eye, a trip over a hidden rock, sucking mud on the shore, hidden drops, even the bite of a pike. Boat anglers also need to take particular care, as you are not immortal, don't go out on a boat with your life jacket half done up or not done up at all, put your life jacket on before you go on the jetty, don't stand up in a boat when you are casting, there's no reason to, don't fish in places where you have been told not to, for example. along the dam wall, always be aware of the weather and if it is too windy stay in sheltered areas as you are not only risking your own life but those of the rangers who have to rescue you! The golden rule is 'safety comes first', otherwise you will be dining with the Gods sooner than you want to.

On Saturday the Haydn Griffiths memorial fly-fishing competition was held at Llyn Brenig. Mr. Gareth Roberts who organized the event emailed the Visitors Centre afterwards and said, 'Firstly thank you so much for accommodating such an event, send my thanks to all the staff and rangers who were extremely supportive and helpful to all anglers. A grand total of £2000 was raised for the New Start Transplant Centre in Manchester.' The results of the competition were as follows, in first place was Mr. Jock Robinson, catching six fish for 12lbs 7 oz with a 4lb 8 oz time bonus, in second place was Mr. Peter Ridding who also caught six fish for 12 lbs. 6 oz with a 4lbs time bonus and in third place came Mr. Daniel Davies who caught six fish for 13lbs 9 oz which included the biggest brown trout of the day, a lovely 3lb 1oz Rainbow.

The lake temperature at the moment is around 16 degrees C and with the cooler air temperatures over the last week and with more cloud and rain it has been almost ideal conditions for fishing, apart from Thursday which was far too windy. The fish are close to the surface and a slow sinking line with a slow retrieve has proved to be a successful method for enticing the trout onto the fly. Looking at the catch returns and chatting with the anglers it seems that most anglers are catching well, and many have caught the six fish limit, with a rod average for the week standing at 4.8 fish per angler. Mr. Peter Lawson best sums it up when he wrote, 'Another Great Day, What a place.' We can't argue with that!

Once again, the fish have been found in the Southern part of the lake. Boat anglers have had success around the cages, Hafod Lom, Tower Bay, Visitors Centre and Sailing Club Bay. However, there is more evidence that the fishing is getting better in the Northern areas of the lake.

Bank hot spots this week have been, Hafod Lom, Tower Bay, Visitors Centre Shore, Paul's Point, and the Sailing Club Bay.

The top flies this week are Daddy Long Legs, Hawthorne fly, Olive Damsel, Diawl bach, buzzers 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

Weeks Top Facts

Bank Fishing Hotspots	, Hafod Lom, Tower Bay, Visitors Centre Shore, Paul's Point, and the Sailing Club Bay.
Boat Fishing Hotspots	around the cages, Hafod Lom, Tower Bay, Visitors Centre and Sailing Club Bay.
Top Flies	Daddy Long Legs, Hawthorne fly, Olive Damsel, Diab, buzzers and various blobs and Boobies.
Top Bag	13lbs 9oz Daniel Davies
Biggest Fish	.3lbs 5oz – Mr. S. Lewis
Rod Average	4.8 fish per angler (Including fish returned).



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Paul's Fly of the Week – Olive Damsel



Mr. Wyan Roberts from Yeovil with his first ever trout.

