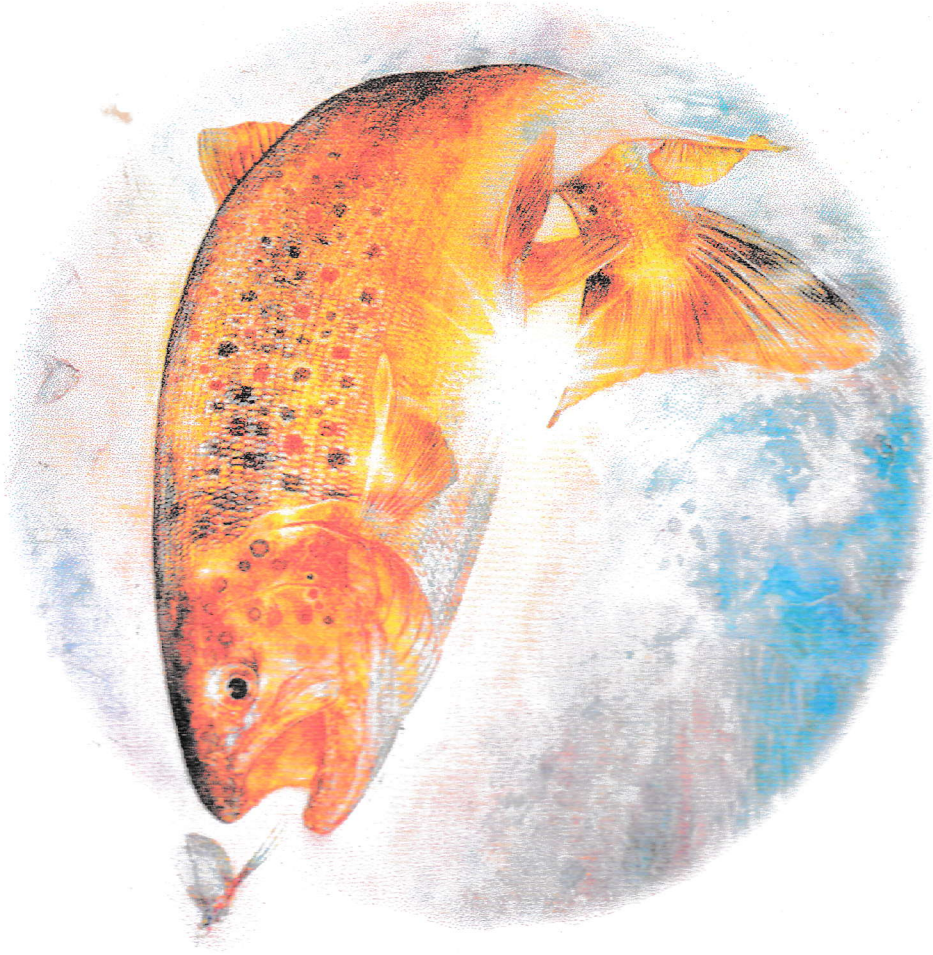




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Welcome to the third edition of the MNTFA's new club magazine

I hope our members had a good and memorable season in 2000 and are looking forward as I am to the new season. As we go to print, the foot and mouth crisis is still very much restricting our fishing with many waters closed. I very much hope this will soon be resolved however we must all act responsibly in the meantime.

This is the third newsletter we have produced in this format. I hope it is received as well as the last two have been by members and non-members alike, hopefully giving members a more informed look at what is available in your club for the forthcoming season. As a non-member it gives you, the angler, the opportunity to join an active expanding fishing club.

Mid Northants are actively involved with representation at confederation level and are also represented on the Pitsford users committee. We have a team in the Association of Major Fly Fishing Clubs League, which is currently being promoted by the Angling Times and a team in the "Hardys". We run a number of club competitions, which include both boat and bank competitions on Pitsford, Grafham, Rutland, Draycote, and Ravensthorpe. We also organise our own club eliminators, which give entry to the Midland Final on route to represent England. During the winter months we run a series of winter programmes with guest speakers, film shows and buffets. We also run a fly tying evening most Monday evenings throughout the year.

This is a friendly club where we greet new members with open arms. As a member you receive discounts on purchases made from various angling retail outlets within the Anglian region. Why not give us a try by filling out the application form enclosed or phoning our membership secretary Ashley Cooper on 01858 462740. You may be pleasantly surprised. Alternatively if you require further information you can take a look at us on our website at www.troutfishers.com

I look forward to meeting you!

Yours faithfully



Grant Gibson
Chairman
Mid Northants Trout Fishers Association

2001 MID-NORTHANTS COMPETITION DIARY

**Pitsford Bank Match - Pitsford
Sunday 8th April 2001**

Peter Dobbs was the winner last year on a day that saw a rod average of 5.2

**Bruce Richardson Trophy - Pitsford
Sunday 13th May 2001**

This Trophy was won in 2000 by Martin Hobart with 6 fish for 14lbs 12ozs

**Stanley Harrison Trophy - Draycote
Sunday 22nd July 2001**

Julian Davies won the trophy in 2000 with 6 fish for 16lbs 10ozs
(including biggest fish of 4lbs 15ozs)

**Hector Woolnough Trophy - Floating Line Only
Ravensthorpe - 30th April 2001**

The winner for 2000 was Frazer Duffy Jnr with 20lbs 5 1/2ozs and also caught the largest fish of 5lbs. The rod average was 5.1.

**Eric Goodman Trophy - Rutland
Sunday 2nd September 2001**

The winner for 2000 was F. Duffy Jnr.

**Fur & Feather Bank Match - Elinor
Sunday 14th October 2001**

Last year this was at Farmoor and won by Mark Haycock with 8 fish for 18-8

1st England Eliminator - Grafham - Sunday 20th May 2001

and

2nd England Eliminator - Grafham - Sunday 17th June 2001

One event was cancelled due to bad weather last year but the remaining event was won by Grant Gibson

Congratulations go to Grant Gibson who was also our Angler of the Year for 2000

Mid Northants Competition Rules

All competitors must be fully paid up MNTFA members.

All competitions will be fished to reservoir rules i.e. rules applicable to the venue.

In all competitions, start, finish and weigh in times must be adhered to. The start and finish times for all competitions will be signalled by the competition timekeeper. You are advised to synchronise your watch to the starting sound. Boats must not leave the bank or jetty before the start and must be in contact with the same at the finishing time. In the event of a bank match finishing time will be at the lodge.

If one of a pair of competitors is unable to fish, a substitute MNTFA member may take his place in the competition. Should a replacement be a non-member then the boat may be taken out but they will not fish in the competition.

If two anglers weigh in the same weight, the winner will be the angler with the highest number of fish. If the result is still tied the trophy will be shared for equal lengths of time.

Anyone reaching a limit catch for the competition will be awarded a weight bonus for each remaining 15 minute period of half a pound. (This only applies to club Eliminators).

Disputes and Appeals: All objections must be made as soon as practicable and in any case before the results are announced and presentations made. Objections will be settled by committee members present. Their majority decision will be final.

Competitors must possess a current rod licence.

International rules will apply to MNTFA club eliminators.

Mid-Northants Merchandise

Caps and T-Shirts

We are about to purchase some more club merchandise that includes baseball caps and T-Shirts with the club logo and name embroidered on. The prices will be:

Baseball Caps **£8.00**

and

T-Shirts **£10.00**

To place your order please call into gilders Fishing tackle shop or ring Julian on **01604 636723**

Metal Lapel Badges

The club has purchased a number of metal lapel badges. They are great quality and depict the MNTFA logo.

The Edging is in Gold with the centre half blue and white.

These are available to be purchased at any of our club nights or alternatively direct from Jim Collins on **01604 757757**

for the price of just :

£2.50

WOVEN CLOTH BADGES

We have a number of woven cloth badges depicting the MNTFA Logo. These are on a blue background with gold edging and half blue and white in the centre. Ideal for your blazer.

They are available on club evenings or by ringing

Peter on **01604 627992**, for the price of just :

£5.00

THE FOOTBALLER



Materials :

- ◇ Brown ostrich
- ◇ White floss (wing case and breathers)
- ◇ Claret and white floss
- ◇ Black tying thread
- ◇ Kamasan B100 hooks 10's and 12's

How was it named :

The Footballer was originated during the 1950's but is just as effective for buzzer fishing today as it was then. The claret and white body originally represented the colour's of the Northampton Football Team and subsequently named " The Cobbler". However, it has since been developed into fish catching variants of red and black, and black and white, as well as many others.

Method of Tying :

Commence by tying in the white and Claret floss at the eye. Take the Claret floss down the shank and hang it over the hook. Follow with the white floss and then return to the starting point and tie off. Wind the Claret floss back to the starting point in open turns and tie off. Catch in white floss and take to approx. an eighth of an inch down the shank. Catch in the herl, wind to the eye and tie off. Wind the tying silk through the herl to secure. Bring the white floss over the top of the herl, tie down at the eye and then tie off securely. Trim to leave approx. an eighth of an inch.

How/where to fish :

It can be fished on all the reservoirs and has been proven best between 8am and 11am, and again between 4pm and 7pm when the fish are feeding well. It can be used in conjunction with your usual buzzer patterns and methods. It has been extremely effective recently fished with a site indicator or "Bung" and held static. However the usual bend in the line and a slow figure of eight works well.

Cyril Lineham

MNTFA INSURANCE

Free with your membership, the MNTFA insurance scheme provides cover for the club and personal accident insurance for members. The protection is fully comprehensive - insuring the club and members during any organised events in the UK.

We will ensure the insurance cover is available from 1st April 2001 for the start of the new season. The way it will work is that on the last day of March we will provide the company with a cheque and a list of all the paid up members of the club. Only these members will be covered.

It is therefore important that your subs are fully paid up by this date. Please contact Ashley Cooper on 01858 462740 who will arrange or clarify your membership for you.

Club Insurance Benefits Summary

PUBLIC LIABILITY	£1,000,000
PERSONAL ACCIDENT	
Death	£25,000
Loss of one or more limbs	£25,000
Loss of sight	£25,000
Permanent Disablement	£25,000
Temporary Disablement	£100 per week

ALL RISKS	
Loss of or damage to Club trophies	£250

This summary is subject to the full Terms and Conditions.

2001 Anglian Water Permit and Boat Hire Costs

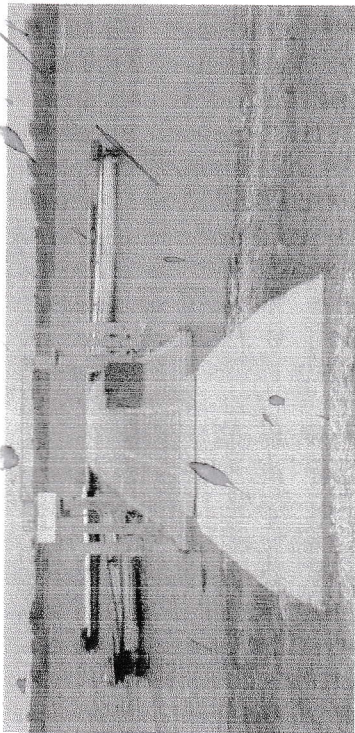
Four Water Permits	Limit Boat	Limit Bank	Limit Week	Limit Season	Price
Gold	8	6	24	n/a	649
Silver	8	6	16	n/a	549
Blue	8	6	8	n/a	369
Green	1	1	n/a	n/a	369
Economy	6	4	7	70	299
Autumn					
Sporting	1	1	7	n/a	79
Week	8	8	56	n/a	95
3 Days Boat	8	n/a	24	n/a	139
5 Days Boat	8	n/a	40	n/a	199
Sen.Cit Day	6	4	n/a	n/a	13
Beginners	1	1	n/a	n/a	5

Day Permits

	Rutland	Grafham	Pitsford	Ravensthorpe
Day 8 Trout	17.00	17.00		
Day 6 Trout			16.00	17.00
Day 2 Trout				
Half Day 4 Trout	11.00	11.00	11.00	
Evening 2 Trout				11.00
Day Boat	21.00	21.00	17.00	10.00
Weekend Boat			19.00	
am/evening Boat	13.00	13.00	12.00	7.00
Sgl manned Day	13.00	13.00	12.00	
Sgl manned Eve	11.00	11.00	10.00	
Catch/release boat	45.00	45.00	40.00	

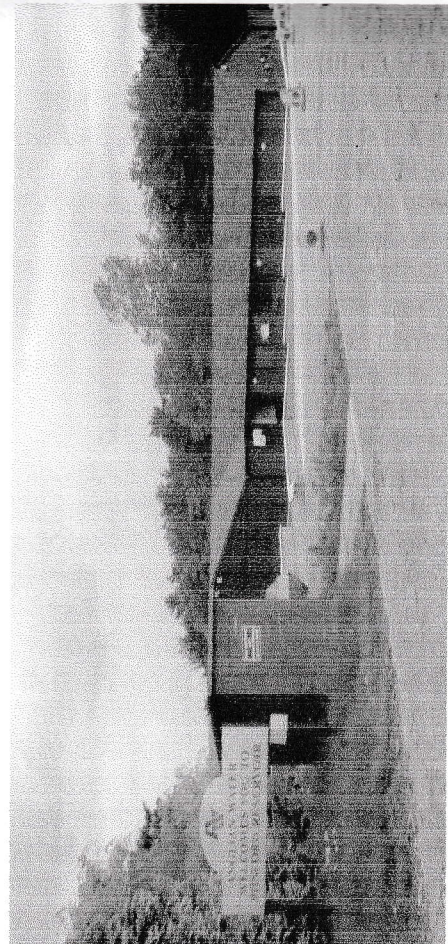
NB. For more detail of these prices, please consult the fishery direct.

Pitsford Reservoir for 2001



I would like to thank Nathan Clayton for attending our AGM in March and enlightening us on some of the changes we can expect at Pitsford Reservoir from himself and Anglian Water this year.

The boat dock was improved last year and makes it significantly easier to board the boats and still have dry feet. The new lodge below was also built last year and provides a much better base for the staff and better facilities for the anglers. Don't forget to hire the thwart boards! In excess of 30,000 Rainbows and 1000 Browns will be stocked this year (Foot and Mouth allowing) . The Rainbows will be from 1lbs 7ozs to 2lbs while the Browns will be much smaller in the hope that anglers return them to grow on.



A new day ticket has been introduced this year that allows you to catch and take up to six fish and then to continue fishing on a catch and release basis. I am sure this will be well received as it gives the angler a greater choice.

We would like to encourage as many of you as we can to attend the Wednesday night league. This starts from 6pm during May and runs till the end of August. Nathan really looks after you with £10.00 getting you a six fish ticket and boat for the evening as well as a beer and refreshments afterwards.



One of the previous criticisms of Pitsford was that it did not attract the competitions. This has been addressed this year with many more competitions taking place including heats for the TF European Open and Hardy's. Anglian Water have also extended their competitions for the water to include:

AW Open, April 15th AW Bank Open, May 5th
AW Loch style, 9th June AW Fur & Feather, 25th November

If you would like to speak to Nathan or one of his team, they can be reached on 01604 781350.

Mid-Northants "FUN DAY"

This year, several members have asked if we could have a get together in August, a **non-competition day** and one where we can get to know more people within the club.

What an excellent idea!

We have therefore booked a number of boats at **Pitsford Reservoir for Sunday August 15th 2001**. The plan is to have a morning and afternoon session, fishing to a 6 fish limit then catch and release, with lunch in between. A draw will be made for partners in both the morning and afternoon sessions.

The timings will be to fish **9am-12Noon** then retire to the lodge for a **BAR-B-QUE LUNCH** and **REFRESHMENTS** and then return to fish **2pm-6pm**. You will be welcome to continue with the evening fishing if you wish.

If you are interested please send your name, address, telephone number and a cheque for £13.50 (this includes boat & refreshments) to Ian Pow at the address below no later than **30th JUNE 2001**.

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NN6 9SJ
Tel : 01604 781350

Rutland Water

The Fishing Lodge
Edith Weston
Oakham
Leicestershire
LE15 8HD
Tel : 01780 686441

Grafham Water

The Fishing lodge
West Perry
Huntingdon
Cambridgeshire
PE29 0BX
Tel : 01480 810531

Draycote Water

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Warwickshire
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Edward Foster
Lowick Road
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Tel : 01832 720786

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Mrs Rosemary Foster
Ringstead Grange
Ringstead
Northants
NN14 4DT
Tel : 01933 622960

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Fishing Lodge
Great Eastern Road
Caldecott
Leics
LE16 8RP
Tel : 01536 770264

Vicarage Spinney

Haversham Road
Little Linford
Milton Keynes
Bucks
MK19 7EA
Tel : 01908 612227

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Thornton Reservoir

Reservoir Road
Thornton

Leics

LE67 1AH

Tel : 01530 230807

Bowl Water

The Fishing Lodge

Nr Lamberhurst

Kent

TN3 8JH

Tel : 01892 890352

Chew and Blagdon

Woodford Lodge

Chew Stoke

Bristol

Avon

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Ladybower

Ashopton Road

Banford

Hope Valley

Derbyshire

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***Alternatively dial 138 before making a call

Australian Fruit Cake

We thought you might like this additional recipe for those of you that like a
tippie.

Ingredients

1 cup of butter
4 large eggs
1 tspn baking soda
1 cup of mixed nuts
1 cup of brown sugar
1 cup of dried fruit
1 dessert spoon lemon juice
Whisky

Method

Sample the whisky to check the quality. Take a large bowl and then
sample whisky again to be sure it is of the highest quality. Pour one level
cup of whisky and drink. Repeat.

Turn on an electric mixer, beat the butter in a large fluffy bowl, add
one spoon tea of sugar and beat again. Make sure whisky is still okay by
crying another tup.

Turn off mixer, break 2 leggs and add to the bowl and chuck in the cup
of fried druit. Mix on the turner. If fruit sticks to beaters pry loose with
a drowscriver.

Sample whisky again to check for tonsiscency. Next sift two cups of
salt or something. Who cares? Check the whisky.

Now chop the jemon juice and strain your nuts. Add one babbispoon of
brown sugar or whatever colour you can find. Wix mell. Grease the oven
and turn the cake pan to 350 gredees. Do not forget to beat off the turner.

Throw the bowl out of the window, check the whisky and bo to ged.

The MNTFA 2001/2002 COMMITTEE

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