



PAPER MILL TROUT FISHERY AND CAFE

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FLY:

Kevin Williams	3 fish	9lb 12oz	caught on a black buzzer.
Nathan Thomas	3 fish	9lb 4oz	caught on a blue flash damsel.
Carl Hansen	3 fish	8lb 12oz	caught on a black and blue buzzer.

You are extremely close to needing your new rod license if you haven't yet arranged it

Report -Week beginning March 27th 2017

Over the last week we have had very cold easterly winds making fishing hard and they just wouldn't move, some fish were caught on buzzers and orange dancers. Conditions have been hard due to the easterly winds and anglers have found it very challenging when casting.

But as I write this report the winds have returned to a westerly and fishing has been excellent with anglers bagging up. There will be plenty of doubles being stocked on a regular basis, so why not come and try and tempt one of these big fish and be entered in to the Troutmasters. Martin Smith caught a superb 7lb 3oz rainbow on a cats whisker.

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Comment, a personal view.

Whilst some of us try as hard as possible to dilute the effects of the June referendum and others want to make the break from the EU as 'hard' as possible, the everyday man on the street will be concerned about the cost in terms of the value of the pound in his pocket, and looking on at the negotiations with interest.

What will the pound buy as the talks begin and eventually a deal is reached? The value of the pound has fallen since June and this weakening has happened despite the robustness of our economy. The cost of our holidays and imports has already risen. Whether or not this fall in the value of the pound is profit taking or actually the result of real economic conditions it has happened and will impact on our fishing.

The industry is dependent on imports. The cost of feed has already risen which will lead to a rise in the cost of fish. I have recently returned from visiting the South East of England and the North West. Both fisheries I enjoyed have informed their customers of an April price rise. Interestingly the charges are already higher than those at our lake. Both used increasing costs as the prime reason.

The price of a variety of items of fishing tackle could also see a rise. This would be expected as many of the products from fly tying materials, accessories through clothing and the rods we use will be imported.

I suppose many of the industries mentioned above will have employees from the EU. This is another area that might impact on the industry.

I have not talked to Mark about these issues and it will be interesting to get his views and ideas. More will become clearer through the next months and years. We all must hope that the negotiations progress well alongside a flourishing economy which in turn will be helped by a positive attitude to the outcome.

Last week I had two consecutive days fishing at the lake which were completely different.

Did I deal well with the prevailing wind change? No

Was I upset? Yes

Have I learned from it? Yes

Always be prepared to innovate and change your tactics early, I waited far too long.