

When Bob Dylan wrote the iconic song, 'The Times They Are A Changing', the times were indeed changing at a rapid pace, the Vietnam War, the Cold War, and the global exploitation of resources were all making the world a far more dangerous place but there was also positive changes with the Civil Rights movement in the USA and movements such as Green Peace, the Anti-Apartheid movement and CND giving people hope for a better future. It is true to say though that every generation, not just Dylan's, has seen massive change, none more so than the present generation. Unfortunately, the changes that we are now seeing are very worrying with climate change, the threat of a nuclear war and Artificial Intelligence of particular concern. (I still can't understand how a computer made out of bits of metal and plastic can be more intelligent than me!!) With such a rapidly changing world we, as human beings, tend to look for constants in our lives in order to try to make sense of all the madness around us. One such constant in many people's lives is fishing. The routine and purpose of fishing, the peace and tranquility of fishing, the community of fishing all help to salve the soul and help to relieve the stresses of our lives.

The weather over the last week has definitely been cooler and windier than previous weeks. We had some strong winds at the end of the week particularly on Friday and Saturday. This made for some difficult fishing conditions. However, the fishing has become easier this last week with the fish moving towards the top few feet of water making for some good sport. There has been a marked improvement in the rod average over the last two weeks with this week's average standing at 4.2 fish per angler.

We were delighted to host the North Wales Police Competition here at the Brenig last Thursday with eight boats taking to the water, with the result being sixteen anglers caught 42 fish between them with an average of 2.6 fish per angler. Mr. Colin Jones, the organiser wrote that the conditions were near perfect for top of the water fishing, but the actual fishing proved to be tougher. The top angler on the day was Steve Jukes with six fish from the ring of stones, followed by Steve Williams and Barry Edwards both with 5 from the same area. We also have the results from the Senior Welsh Trials which took place at the Brenig on July 1st. The top rod was Andrew Jenkins with a total weight of 27lbs 3oz, in second place came Richard Hooper with a total weight of 20lbs 1oz and in third place came Matthew Owen with a total weight of 17lbs 3oz.

Having a look at this week's catch returns has certainly made for some pleasant reading with many anglers making very positive comments. The last few weeks was summed up perfectly by Mr. Geraint Hughes who had an 'awesome' day on Wednesday, catching eleven fish after struggling on previous occasions.

There have also been a few bigger fish caught this week, maybe they have been lying in deeper water and with the cooler weather have made their way up, with Mr. Richard Cheetham landing the biggest fish of the week, a 4lbs 8oz Rainbow. The biggest bag of the week goes to Mr. D. Humphreys who recorded a weight of 11lbs 8oz for five fish caught.

The Top flies have been black bibio hopper, hare's ear, black beetle, green sedge, daddy long legs, cat's whisker and various other blobs and boobies.

The hot spots for the boats have been Tower Bay, the Dam Wall, the Quarry, the Visitors Centre and around the cages.

Bank anglers have had success in Tower Bay, the Visitors Centre shore, Hafod Lom and the girder North of the Visitors Centre.

A thought for all those who are struggling with the intense heat in Europe, China and the USA, lets hope that it will kick start some serious future action on the part of governments around the world and let us thank our lucky stars that we are still enjoying the cooler weather.

The main gates will be closing at 5.45 this week and therefore boats need to be back on the jetty by 5.15pm. Tight Lines-  
Jim Jenkins – Seasonal Ranger.

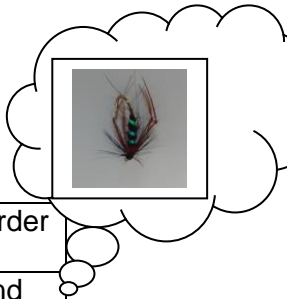
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## Weeks Top Facts



Bank Fishing Hotspots	Tower Bay, the Visitors Centre shore, Hafod Lom and the girder North of the Visitors Centre.
Boat Fishing Hotspots	Tower Bay, the Dam Wall, the Quarry, the Visitors Centre and around the cages.
Top Flies	black bibio hopper, hare's ear, black beetle, green sedge, daddy long legs, cat's whisker and various other blobs and boobies.
Top Bag (For six fish caught)	11 lbs. 8oz - Mr. D. Humphreys
Biggest Fish	4lbs 8oz – Mr. Richard Cheetham
Rod Average	4.2 fish per angler (including fish returned)



Paul's fly of the week - Bibio hopper.



Top Left: The Grey's Pairs Qualifier: First place winners Paul Lloyd and Mark Thomas.  
 Below Left: The Greys Pairs Qualifier: Third place: Mr. Richard Hooper and Mr. Alwyn Roberts.  
 (Second place went to Mr. Mike Lightfoot and Mr. Dave Currie)

