

Drayton bailiff reckons Daventry reservoir is now the ...

# 'Best runs water in the country!'

**W**ANT to get your rods jumping off their rests? Then Drayton Reservoir could be THE place to get YOUR string pulled this summer!

Long-serving bailiff Mark Ryder reckons the Canal & Rivers Trust controlled lake is now 'the best runs water in the country'.

And with the Daventry water's head of carp currently estimated at more than 7,000 fish – a high percentage of them good doubles – chances of good fish are likely to have improved as stocks put on weight during the 'quiet season'.

"The average weight is now around 14lb with a lot of 18s and most probably more than 200 20s. Last year's top fish went 30-2 – and one man had 30 to 21lb in a day last week," said Ryder.

"We've gone away from being a match fishery to one with catchable fish to specimen weights, which is also ideal for dads and lads style pleasure fishing, and no keepnets."

Recent improvements include re-surfacing the access road two weeks back (the 'boards bank' is soon to be refurbished) and new night fishing pegs.

Current ticket prices are £25 per 24-hour stint, £12 for a two-rod day, £8 for one rod and £5 concessions the disabled and juniors.

Drayton's regularly updated facebook page has some 5,000 followers.

There are two places up for grabs in the Meadowlands individual league starting this

weekend. Call 07971 288006.

● STANWICK's best in a week of near-20s was Steve Ivy's 22-9. Gilder's Dan Todd bagged a 19-14.



■ TOWN's Dave Evans with 24-2 Bishops Bowl mirror

● CASTLE Ashby opens: midweek, Brickyard, Mick Hewlett 64lb, Gary Millward 18-8, Frank Pizamenti 15-12; Saturday, Brickyard, Pizamenti 34-4, Steve Smith 29lb, Hewlett 27lb; Sunday, Grendon, Bas McNicholl 42lb, Steve Shakespeare 19-8, John Kent 17-12.

● WHITE Hart Flore, Spring Pools: Steve 'boxed in' Bull 21-8, Dave

Walker 20lb, Drew Adams 18lb.

● CASTLE, silverfish round, Canons: Alan West 19lb, Geoff Rice and Ian Halliwell both 16-5.

● FINEDON, Brown's Farm: Barry Lawrence 19lb, Bill Boyne 11-15-8, Mark Clemmet 11-6.

● ABINGTON AC, park pond: Vince Battams 15-8, Richard Hawkes 8-9, Rus Coleman 7-14.

● TOWCESTER Vets, Castlethorpe cut: Tosh Saunders 15-1 (skimmers), Terry Robinson 7-2, Bob Eales 6-11.

● NENE, Banbury Lane Canal: Brian Beard 5-2, Les Wallis 3-4, Bob Eales 2-14.

● FLORE & Brockhall, Muscott cut: Paul Humphries 4-2, Ray Ayres 1-8-8, Ken Cadd 1-6. Rob Rawlins...don't ask – it's sad watching old geezers cry.

● STARTING Monday April 6 the Canal & River Trust will publish its own weekly electronic angling column featuring canal and CRT commercial results.

See [www.canalrivertrust.org.uk](http://www.canalrivertrust.org.uk) under 'see and do'. The more people regularly logging in, the further up CRT's 'customer importance' ladder angling will rise...

● FIXTURES: Nene AGM, April 13, Yeoman of England, Wootton; May 3 AT & CRT national pairs champs round, Yardley cut, practice opens on April 12, 19 & 26, 07711 086436 ■



■ RINGSTEAD's best of week – 9lb – fell to Boris Rasif

Matches, catches, even rough patches? If there's a tale to tell call Trevor Johnson on 07801 183381 or [angling@intermediauk.com](mailto:angling@intermediauk.com) (click link to email)