

Fish Tales

News and reports from Broad Oak Trout Lakes

Jan/Feb 2017

Happy New Year! Broad Oak Trout Lakes will be **closed for one week** from Monday 30th Jan to Monday 6th Feb. No fishing available. We re-open on Tuesday 7th Feb and look forward to seeing you then.

Shop We are having a clothing sale during March. Huge savings on all coats jackets etc. We will be reducing stock to focus on rods, reels and lines and the usual essential accessories. We will always be able to order in specific items you may need as required.

Marmalade Charlotte has been busy again, so the Traditional Seville Orange Marmalade is on sale again. We also have some local honey, produced by one of our regular anglers (well, his bees!).

Facilities Please ensure that all facilities are left as you would wish to find them. There have been a few 'issues' lately.....

Open Day Dec 2016

Thanks to all who supported our open day. The weather was awful and so we were very pleased with the numbers attending. We raised £280 for Macmillan Cancer Support! People enjoyed seeing the photo-frieze we created of where we started and how we got to now. It was great fun doing it, and made us realise just what we have achieved in the 12 years since we bought the site and 10 years running the fishery.

Members Competition

To thank our 2016 members for their frequent custom we held a competition and social on Tuesday 27th Dec. Winners were Mike Gribble, Doug Rushton and Mike Sweetmore. Well done chaps.



Roger Pope also caught a huge Brownie – witness by almost everyone! Assistance was required to help land it to release it! It was a whale!

We continue with the membership for 2017. Many have renewed already, and we also

welcome some new ones. The more the merrier! Members benefits remain the same as last year with reduced ticket prices and free tea and coffee, plus members only events.

Tickets

We ask that all our customers, members and non-members alike, respect the ticket timings and catch limits. For clarity, a 2-fish ticket allows 4 hours fishing, 3-fish is 6 hours and 4-fish is 8 hours. If you know you wish to fish all day, buy the appropriate number of hours, please.

Fly of the month – December and Jan.

Montanas and damsels have been favourites treats for trout, with bloodworm and cats-whiskers running close behind. All very expected for winter months. The same will continue for February, but don't forget the tiny flies, as when the sun shines there are a few little hatches in the sheltered spots, even now.

Recent Catches

The largest rainbows banked in December were around the 2 ½ lb mark, lots of them, so no individually recorded big fish. Roger Pope (or Brownie Pope as he may become known) had another 8lb brownie earlier in December, at our Open Day! January so far has produced a few nice fish, notably Adrian Frosts' 3lb rainbow on a montana.

Weather Forecast (taken from Met Office website)

Damned cold followed by unsettled wet and windy weather! The week we are shut is probably fortuitous as it looks to be wet and wild. Thereafter temperatures are said to be a bit above average, with breezy showery spells, and hopefully a few dry spells coming up from the South. No frosts forecast though so that is good!

2017 Events

Early Bird Sessions: We will be running some more of the 6am starts in July and August; Look out for the dates.

Summer Members Event – July 2017: social and late fishing (hopefully on a balmy night). Full details will be out in due course!

See you soon. Tight Lines

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