

# Fish Tales

## News and reports from Broad Oak Trout Lakes

**Apologies for late issue.** We were waiting for news to report to you on.....

**Water Issues** Our recent anglers will have noticed the colour of the lake water. We suspect that the soil-landfill up the road is affecting the spring water that fills the lakes, however this has not yet been confirmed. The streams are not affected which is why it seems to odd to see them running clear and the lakes looking silty. The Environment Agency are looking into it at the moment. They took water samples and have confirmed that it is not chemicals, fertilisers or algal bloom. As you can imagine, we have been very worried about this and the impact on the fishery. We will report back as and when we know more about the source of the problem. In the mean-time it has not affected the fish or fishing as this weeks' anglers will testify! It will clear eventually, so please do not be put off.

**Sale** All clothing, footwear and some bags in the shop is priced to sell during March. Huge savings on all coats jackets etc. In the future, we will always be able to order in specific items you may need as required, as we will retina the accounts we have. We will still stock all the essentials such as flies, tippet material (nylon and fluoro), accessories, fly-lines, rods and reels, smaller bags, and fly vests.

**Facilities** We have converted the 'Gents' loo to a shower for our 'glampers', so we now have just the one larger loo for everyone. Please leave it clean, tidy and dry!

**Dispatches** We have welcomed quite a few glampers to the shepherds hut over the winter, much to our



surprise, and they have loved using the wood-burner and being cosy. Our latest visitors were Louis Windows and his Dad, Jim. They enjoyed fishing on both days of their visit, and here is evidence of their success! Well done, Louis – good job someone can show your dad how to do it!!

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## Jan/Feb and a bit into March 2017

### Fly of the month – Feb and into March.

There has been a real mix of flies in the book. Damsels still top the catch tally, and mainly black in colour, but not by far, and bloodworms have tempted a good few trout. Other flies featuring frequently are Viva, Hare's ear nymph, pink buzzer, Montana and daddy long-legs; so, a good rifle through the box yet again!

**Recent Catches** Yet again searches through the catch record is thwarted by 'total bag-weight'! I can confirm a top rainbow trout of 3lb 6oz, hooked on a damsel nymph cast by Gordon Walters at the end of Jan. I suspect Roger Pope may have given him a run for his money in mid Feb with 2 fish for 6lb. There are other great bag-weights, but no other individually recorded fish over 2 ½ lbs. Brown trout still continue to be caught and returned, though again, shyness is obviously preventing recording on the return sheet. EXCEPT for TODAY! Breaking News! Well done 007! Fabulous brownie only this morning. Estimated at 8 ½ to 9 lbs – it was 24 inches long! I was there, I saw!



### Weather Forecast (taken from Met Office website)

The picture for the next week or so is generally dry-ish with some showers, and not too windy, as it seems to be the north being affected by gales etc. Then from next weekend it will get a bit more moody, but still nothing like the north/Scotland. Thereafter they think we may get a settled dry period with milder temperatures over the latter end of March and into April. They use the word 'blocked' which means it might hand around a bit. Sounds lovely!

### 2017 Events

**Early Bird Sessions: July and August**

**Summer Members Event – August**

See you soon. Tight Lines

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