

*Honestly - where did July go? It's been a quiet month but we are still managing to stay open. We hope you are all well and look forward to seeing you all soon , Emily and Terry x*

## **Fishing Report**

To date, we have only lost about 4-5 fish which is such a relief when you look at the disaster last year. This must be due to the increased presence of pumps – thank you to those wonderful anglers that helped by lending 2 to us. We are often overwhelmed by the support and generosity you show us! I have also been cautious on the stocking which has been a fine balance for fish safety and your continuing satisfactory catch rate. I've started to record the water temperature for you to see on the board in the kitchen.

The water levels are down as you can imagine as we are desperate for rain. It is a common problem up and down the country. We do have a plan but as with most things, it takes time. Hopefully it will try to counteract some of this next year.

Obviously, we have had a lot less customers than normal but this is to be expected in the warmer months but be reassured people are catching. But it is so important to be here early (or last thing in the evening) as you stand little chance once the sun gets higher. I am still stocking roughly once a week but am varying the day dependent on weather.

I'm still getting people who haven't filled in the returns sheet. It takes a few seconds and helps me to stock correctly and others to see what fly or line you've been successful on.

## **What's been happening?**

- We enjoyed a lovely evening **BBQ** last Saturday. There was so much food that Terry has been eating kebabs all week and everyone got a good bag to take home ! It was so enjoyable just to sit around and chat with everyone and all getting along. I love get togethers and feel its so important after the last few years.
- Thank you for my **birthday** wishes and I even got chocolates! I'm glad you were able to come down and enjoy fishing – I believe people caught well.
- **Fires.** Unfortunately, there have been a couple of arson attacks in the local fields. It meant that our phone lines and broadband were knocked out for a few days so



apologises if you tried to get hold of us. Everything is ok now. Please, please be careful when onsite as the grass and wood is tinder dry

### **September Competition**

Our next friendly competition will be on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September beginning at 8.30am *Please note this is a date change.* There will be a full English breakfast provided and lunch also for a total charge £12 . Fishing ticket will be the heaviest 4 fish bag at £35 ticket. No entry fee. I need to know the numbers for entry by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September. Any less than 7 people and it will be cancelled. Of course, by September I will be stocking the larger fish again.

### **Diary Date**

Macmillan Coffee Morning will be held Saturday October 1<sup>st</sup> . Please support this worthy cause.

### **B & B**

We are now on Booking.com (id 8730362) for Bed and Breakfast and its proving popular. If you fancy a stay over and increase your fishing time or just a relaxing break, then check the calendar out online there to see what is available. If you see a date that is free, let me know and I can give you a better price that cuts our fees on both sides.

### **Calendars**

I'm going to do a photo calendar for myself from the beautiful pictures ive got from here for 2023 . It's cheaper the more that are printed. So would you buy one? Let me know if you are interested and I'll get them made next month.

### **Corporate / Private Days**

We do close the fishery for corporate/ private days. So if you would like to hire it (with food served too) let me know. There is not a set fee – just ensure there are about 10-12 people fishing a 2+ fish ticket. Breakfast and lunch can be provided at set fee of £12pp. Ideal for a special birthday or persuading the boss that mental health is vital.

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