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*"If fishing is religion, fly fishing is high church."*

*Tom Brokaw*

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And it's now June.... The lakes are full of fly life, damselfly, dragonflies and the lilies and irises are out. The cuckoo can be heard and our little green woodpecker is frequently spotted. Terry and Geoff have been working hard to keep the grounds beautifully maintained and Tony has been monitoring the traps for anything we don't want! We had 4 deliveries last month with a range of sizes of trout put in the lakes for you.

A reminder that we are open from 8am to 8pm, 7 days a week. We only close 2 days a year. So you can imagine it is a rather tiring business. With that in mind, you will hear the lawn mower and the strimmer going so that you can enjoy the grounds to the high standard it is kept. This will not disturb the fish and it won't be the reason that you do not catch the fish (as we heard several times last month). If you are not catching – I suggest you move (fish swim) and change the flies. A degree of common sense is needed here, and obvious to the majority.

## **Events**

*Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2023*



Our very successful Father's Day Beer and BBQ Fishing Day is back. It is on the Saturday so that all Dad's can be spoiled all weekend not just on the Sunday! Dad's enjoy a burger and beer on us. Bring the family down and enjoy the sun (fingers crossed). BBQ will be lit about 1pm.

*Competition Day will be Saturday July 1<sup>st</sup>*. We are not getting such a good turn out as we used to due to people moving away etc. Please continue to join in as it's a bit of fun. This is the last one until the end of September. Let me know if you want to take part.

## **Breakfast**

We are continuing to get amazing reviews for our Bed & Breakfast (see booking.com). The comfortable beds, our hospitality and views are specific areas of praise. As is our breakfasts. So, I have decided to offer it out to you all too. We serve a Full English, omelettes, eggs, porridge and, at the weekends; pancakes and homemade compotes. This is served with a range of cereals, toast, variety of teas and fresh cafetieres of coffee and juices. All for £10 and eaten in the dining room in the Fisherman's Lodge. BUT you MUST contact Emily at least 2 days before so that I can check there is space for you and reserve you a table. Email : [bransfordfisheries@gmail.com](mailto:bransfordfisheries@gmail.com)



## **Stocking**

POLITE REMINDER ALERT. Could I ask you to be vigilant in writing down your returns on the sheet. I know you are thinking of other things and can get distracted when packing up to go but it is vital for effective stocking that I know what you have caught. In the last 7 days alone, 11 people have not written in their returns . That could amount to a serious number of fish not accounted for. It is a tricky challenge at the best

of times to know what to order. I have to check the weather, think of events nearby that may affect my customer footfall, estimate when the next delivery can take place, how many tickets were sold and lastly, how many were caught. I want to make sure you don't catch too quick as it spoils your day, but I want to make sure you take home your trout also. Many thanks.

## **Catch & Release**

*Unlike Coarse fishing, Trout must never be handled or taken out of the water. They can look ok when released but will die later. Skin/scale disease are more prevalent. Please keep in the net in the water and flick out the barbless hook .*

## **Vacancies**

I am so very, very grateful that we now have 2 wonderful women that come to help me clean the B & B when it becomes busy. My next query is if you know of anyone that would be prepared to cook the breakfasts perhaps twice a week? They would not have to be a cook or chef – just be able to make the items discussed in the breakfast section above. I am still going to do the weekends as they are generally fully booked and feed 9. They would have to get here for the earliest 6:45am and finish by about 11am. We will put them through the Food Hygiene certification if they do not have it already. This would mean I can have a day off without closing the B & B. Email me if interested.

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