
"My biggest worry is that when I'm dead and gone, my wife will sell my fishing gear for what I said I paid for it." – Koos Brandt

Good Lord I am absolutely sweltering! What's with this weather? I know we tend to get a good few weeks in September, as I remember cursing it when I went back to work teaching. This is my favourite week of the year – I get to stroll around the lakes with a coffee and be eternally grateful for the life I lead now.

Fishing wise- obviously its trickier the later in the day you arrive. It was stocked not that long ago and the pumps are on. Diawl Bachs and buzzers are the way forward and about 7-8 ft down. If you want to arrive at 7:30am on the hotter days that's ok but please be quiet as we have guests in and are always fully booked in the B & B at the weekends.

Events

Our penultimate competition of the year is being held on Saturday September 30th. For the astute amongst you, you will notice that is also the day of our Macmillan Coffee morning. There's nothing like a captive audience!! I need the minimum of 6 people to enter the competition. Even if you haven't entered before, now would be the time. It is a bit of fun with good banter and you get well fed. I will stock larger fish just in time for the competition to make it more interesting.

We haven't been having a great response for events this year so it would be good to have this one supported. Next year, it will all be scaled back in response to this. The Macmillan Coffee morning will run from 10:30 – 2pm and the competition always starts at about 8:30-9am. If you would like to take part in any of the above, please drop me an email.

The new build

We mostly get asked 2 questions; 1) how's it fishing? 2) When is the new house going to be ready? Question 1 is far easier to answer!

However, we are nearer to completion. We had a fantastic decorator in to make the place look amazing, I highly recommend him *TamWeir decorator* from Droitwich. Good value, on time, clean and doesn't mess about. He has high standards and expectations from himself.

Currently, I am on the hunt for furniture and kitting out the property and Terry and others are sorting out the outside.

A while ago, I held a competition to name the place and the winner would have a night or two free. I've had to change that because, actually, we really liked the name my husband picked – **THE MOLE HILL!** So I have kept all the names of the people who entered and instead I am going to pick a random name from a hat so that it is fair (although I think my Geoff would love a few nights peace and quiet away from me and the kids!). So when it is ready to go, I will announce the winner.

Fly Fishing

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