



Merry Christmas All. Thank you for your continuing support to our small business, which at times, has been tricky this year. We are proud to have a community of kind, friendly anglers who just have a genuine love of fishing and tranquility at heart. We appreciate all the little things you do for us and we hope you do the same. With fly fisheries in decline it is important to keep supporting the way you do.

The fishing has really picked up now the wetter and colder weather has arrived. I have been putting the larger fish in that I know many people chase but even the smaller ones are strong fighters. You seem to all be getting your bag lately, although the challenge is on as they get away well. Stocking continues to be at 7-10 days with a mix of sizes.

Events

The last event of 2023 is our Christmas Social on Saturday December 2nd at 11:30am. I am doing slow cooked hot turkey rolls cooked in white wine, butter and fresh herbs, with all the trimmings, hot mulled wine (and non-alcoholic) and mince pies. This is to raise funds for Macmillan and a thank you to yourselves. Our 3 beautiful hampers will be drawn on the day. The raffle tickets are on sale in the fisherman's kitchen at £2 a strip.

I've written the diary events for the year and they are on display on the kitchen notice boards. I may add another event but am in communication with local groups to see what we can arrange. There will be only 3 competitions next year. I've tried to think about the weather and what other events are on locally so that I have competitors to fill it. 8-9 places will be available each one so if one takes your fancy, it is best to book in quickly. The prizes will be upped significantly too, with free stays in The Mole Hill and B and B as well as fishing prizes and hampers. You will notice I have put an evening competition on which will tie in with a BBQ for competitors.

Gifts for Christmas

A reminder we do Gift Vouchers for fishing but if you want these posting out please buy asap.

Donations

We have had fly reels, fishing waistcoats (new and barely used), fly lines (new), flies, books, nets and bags all gratefully donated to us for various reasons. All for purchase in my office,

feel free to come in and have a mooch. It's much quieter in the B and B at the moment, so you will see me in there more often!

Food

Please remember that breakfast is available if you notify me the day before. I've put soup and hot chocolate in the anglers kitchen months to warm your cockles. Drop a donation in the jar please.

Breakfast Sandwiches on thick crusty bread available for £5. Full English £10

Email Emily the day before to order.

Feedback

We have had some upsetting feedback lately about out catch and release pools. When I have the time, I will write an article on the pros and cons of catch and release pools and why we have chosen to do what we do. There are many reasons, after trying all 3 lakes for sporting tickets, why it is not workable for us. We are not going to change this. People choose different fisheries dependent on what they want at the time which is the beauty of having several to choose from locally. It would be incredibly dull if we were all the same. I ask that you are respectful and polite to our decisions.

Terry, myself, Tony, Geoff, Roy and Ian who stocks the fishery work very hard to make Bransford an enjoyable and welcoming place for all, whether or not you are fishing or popping in for a cuppa. So thank you to all who understand fishing, and appreciate us. Have a wonderful, caring Christmas and New Year. (if you are escaping the inlaws, please remember we are only closed on Christmas Day and New Years Day but hours may be reduced at other key times)

BRANSFORD FARM FISHERIES & ACCOMMODATION

Hill End Farm
Station Road
Bransford
Worcester
WR6 5JJ
01905 830548 www.bransfordgame.com
email:bransfordfisheries@gmail.com

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 .

Dates for your Diary 2024

Date	Event	Details
Saturday March 2 nd 8:30am	Friendly Spring Competition 1.	Food, fishing and friends, raffle and prizes including a stay in the Bed and Breakfast. Enter by email.
Saturday May 25 th 5pm	Evening Fishing Competition 2.	BBQ (hopefully) and evening fishing to catch the rise. Prizes including a stay in the Mole Hill !
Saturday 5 th October 11am	Macmillan Coffee Morning	Charity Cake sale and coffee morning. Always successful.
Saturday 19 th October 8:30am	Friendly Competition 3.	Food, fishing and friends. Prizes including a stay in the Mole Hill. Enter by email.
Saturday December 7 th 11:30am	Mince Pies, Mulled Wine and Hot Turkey Rolls	Festive food and drink with our fishing friends and family.