



Trout Reports

Brick Farm Lakes Herstmonceux, East Sussex

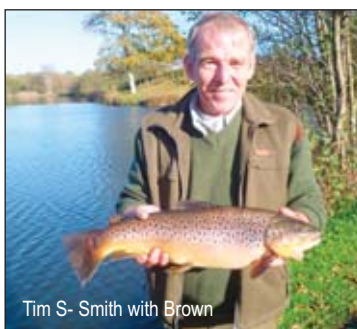
Firstly, all of us at Brick Farm Lakes would like to wish our anglers a very happy and healthy New Year. We have valued your custom throughout the past twelve months and look forward to seeing all our old regulars and hopefully some new faces in 2018.

Over the last twelve months we have seen a few changes here with more new anglers coming from a distance away, more ladies (at last) and an increase in the numbers of novices taking their first tentative steps in their fly fishing adventure. This is very encouraging and don't forget we are always here to assist the angler visiting us for the first time. We have rods and tackle to hire, daily tips in the lodge on the fly of the moment and pointers as to how each of our three lakes are fishing at any one time, where to fish and which tactics to employ. Make good use of us to maximise your enjoyment of the days fishing!

We now have provided some much needed extra, hard surfaced parking places on the hill between Well Lake and the Lodge and surfaced the track up into the field where we use it as an overflow parking area for the summer months. We have re-mulched the paths and fishing stands around the lakes so you will not be standing and trying to cast or land fish in liquid mud! The new fourth lake is finished, all bar the final landscaping in the spring and it is already starting to fill nicely, HOORAH! I dare say we will have a 'bit of a do' to launch its addition to Brick Farm in the fullness of time... watch this space!

Unfortunately, we have had to add the dreaded VAT to the cost of the fishing day tickets. This will take effect from 1st January 2018 and is, sadly, unavoidable. We will, however continue to be one of the best stocked fisheries in the south east, stock varieties of fish up to twelve (and maybe more) pounds in weight, provide our anglers with top class facilities and do everything possible to encourage people to this wonderful sport and sociable pastime. We thank you for your understanding and support.

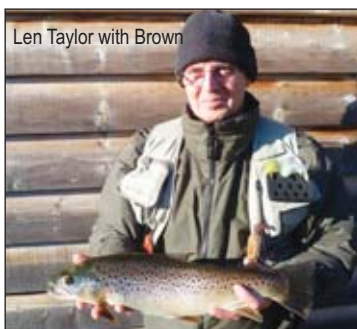
Okay, now let's talk winter tactics! We are, at the moment of typing, (12th December) experiencing a bit of a cold snap! The dog has not been out for two days, It took me fifteen minutes to defrost the car to come to work having first prised the door reluctantly open, the padlock on the top gate was frozen solid which took ten more minutes and half a can of de-icer to free and when I slithered into the Lodge I didn't know whether to light the fire first or put the kettle on! The fire won for once! But... we have the aerator working 24-7 on Brick Lake and can employ the jet-wash blaster, as I call it, on Stag Lake to keep the water moving and ice free so no excuse not to come fishing! Three hardy types have just arrived having driven from Ashford so that's a relief for them and me! We have the log burner roaring all day and free tea and coffee to help yourself to whenever you need a warm up.



Tim S- Smith with Brown



R Larkin with great Rainbow



Len Taylor with Brown



Fourth Lake - getting there

This time of year is when the trout are hard fighting and hungry and big fish come out to play apparently so this is an excellent time to catch your bag.

Fry patterns and lures are working flat out! Black flies and nymphs are a must and muddlers on the surface on a



Craig Wells
- lovely 5lb 4oz Brown



Coral Giles
- 7lb 1oz Brown

windy day. Buzzers when still and calm and ice blue marabou feathers in the cold water do the job, although I'm not too sure why? We have had some truly wonderful fish caught this month and particularly some beautiful browns. We offer a hot or cold smoking service, off site, for the larger fish, delicious!

Over and out now for another month as we look forward to another brilliant year of fishing fun!

All best wishes Caroline and Annie

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We start the New Year with fully stocked Lakes and high hopes for some excellent Winter Sport. Our new Fishing Lodge is progressing well and will be a real asset along with the adjacent Car Park. We thank our Anglers for their understanding of the on-going work. In December, good size fish were caught on Nomads, Cats Whisker and Orange Montana.

Wishing all our anglers a Happy New Year.
Tight Lines - Gaynor, Richard & Audrey

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