



Trout Reports

Brick Farm Lakes Herstmonceux, East Sussex



I don't know about you but I think the month of April is one of the loveliest months of the year. The sun has some real warmth to it after a long winter, the mornings and evenings are drawing out a treat and the gardens are starting to bloom once more. Even if we have a wet spell, it seems refreshing and rejuvenating rather than chilling and depressing. The dog can easily be coaxed off the sofa and out for a run, the washing is out on the line where it should be and, of course, the lake life begins its life cycle once again. All our tackle comes out for a good sort out in preparation for an exciting spring season and regular customers emerge from their hibernation full of enthusiasm to start back into their beloved sport.

Here at Brick Farm lakes we have continued to stock throughout the winter months for the enjoyment of the hardy anglers who have braved the weather and helped keep us sane in the Lodge, so a big thank you to all of them! The Lakes here are full to the brim and stocked ready for action with rainbow, brown, golden and blue varieties of top quality trout, ready and eager to feed on the spring life that will be emerging now. The fishery has been kept in good shape through the winter with strimming, path maintenance and even weed pulling



and our new, fourth lake will provide many more swims we hope in the near future, but this will depend on the weather! Watch this space for up-to-date info.

It is hard to say at the moment what flies have been working as we have just re-opened following a period of closure with the snow and ice but I strongly suspect damsels, cats, buzzers, montanas and diawl bach and such like will be a good bet.

If you have a fishing buddy or want to introduce a novice to the sport this spring, why not take advantage of our shared, five fish ticket. At £48 it is an excellent value option for two of you to fish side by side for the duration of your visit and share the pleasure of catching, (hopefully) five fish between you, which is not permitted on any other ticket. It is worth mentioning here that we have no fly, line, dropper or indicator restrictions here so we give our anglers every possibility of catching their bag.

If you are a group of angling friends looking for a venue for a fishing day out we can offer a bespoke menu to suit all tastes and budgets. Whether it is a simple bacon bap to start the day with a tasty, "more than a ploughman" lunch or full English breakfast, followed up with a substantial spread for dinner... just call the lodge for inspiration and helpful advice, 01323 832615.

Tight lines for a lovely spring time of fishing with daffodils and diawl bachs, crocuses and crunchers, cattails and cats whiskers and Easter eggs and emergers!

Chalk Springs Arundel, West Sussex



Graham Hill

So, that weather was interesting! Snow at the end of February kept a few people away, mainly due to the poor travelling conditions. However, the fishery was open all through the poor weather, as we rarely freeze. For those anglers that made it out the rewards were worth the effort – another high catch rate over 90% and an average size well over 3lb. The excellent fishing has continued right through into March. The best flies have been the usual goldhead damsels, along with orange lead-heads fished on the drop and cats whiskers retrieved quickly. A few fish have come out on buzzers and dries, but it's mainly been goldhead nymphs that are working best.

Expect things to be similar as we get into April, especially if we get some warmer weather, as we should start to see some fly life hatching around the lakes with possibly some early Mayfly towards the end of the month.

The prices for 2018 have been held as they are for now – still only £25 for a 2-fish ticket, £32 for 3 fish, £38 for 4 fish and £45 for 5 fish. Also, check out the prices page on our website for details of our Membership tickets, which give you a 100% catch rate and the