

Welcome to our third newsletter from Burton Springs. It was lovely to see the back of winter and the lakes have been a picture with yellow iris and daffodils everywhere, plus newly planted water lilies flowering. As seems to be the usual case, a lot has been happening; we've now completed the first phase of the development work and are planning the second phase, which is to replace the old fishing hut and install new toilet, shower etc. The stock pond has been created and stocked with fish to be 'fattened up'. The fly lake has been successfully divided and boasts a footbridge which has created the new Coarse Lake. The work was hard, cold, wet and messy but worthwhile. We're very pleased with the initial attendance on the coarse lake and are pleased to be able to offer trout, coarse and specimen carp fishing all in one venue. Anyway, more detailed updates are below, hope you enjoy your read.

News from the Fly Lake

We must start this section by thanking our fly fishing customers for their understanding and support during recent development work. We are now pleased to tell you that work is completed, apart from some landscaping, the lake has settled down, been restocked regularly and weed has been cleared in anticipation of hot weather. For your information, despite rising costs of pellets and therefore fish, our prices remain unchanged.

Catch News

Congratulations to Mike Field who recently netted a beautiful 10lb Brown trout.



And take a look at this 9lb Brownie caught by Alan Hill. Then (below) we had Stuart Frampton with a 5lb Blue and Bill Harmon with a 7lb 7oz Rainbow.



Tagged Trout Pool

We are now on our third pool! The first was won by Steve Green at £74. The second reached £127 and was won by Ray Whitehead. The recent pool is currently at £37, so come along and have a go!

Visits from Brymore School

We've been joined some Monday evenings by Charlie Halliday who is coaching students from Brymore in fly fishing techniques. Usually around ten students join us for a few hours and they seem to have a great time. Help is always on hand to rescue lines and free knots etc. It's good to see the youngsters learning and finding pleasure in fishing and we welcome such groups to the fishery. After all, we all had to start somewhere!

Beginners/Improvers Fly Fishing Day

On Saturday 18th June Neil Keep is organising a tuition day on the lake (which will be closed for normal day tickets). Neil is offering coaching for total beginners and for those who want a little extra coaching for improving technique, catch rates etc. Further details can be found by checking out Neil's website www.neilkeepflyfishing.co.uk

Fly fishing for Carp

There are some fly fishermen who are testing boundaries and looking for a more challenging fishing experience. This is to be found on our new **Coarse Lake** (more details over). We would strongly urge you to 'have a go' or have a chat with us about it if you feel a little nervous. You will need a net and landing mat (can be hired from us) as care of the fish at Burton Springs is always paramount. It's a whole new rod bending experience and lots of fun, not to mention rewarding, as Jim Frost and Neil Keep found out. This is Neil's 10-12lb carp; check out his website and look at the daily blog titled Little and Large for details of the experience.

This beauty fell to a deer hair biscuit imitation. Neil offers guided sessions on fly fishing for carp.



And what about this 9lb Grass carp of Jim's! An absolutely brilliant catch on the fly rod and well done Jim for bringing it in, as grassies are notoriously lively!