



## **Members' Newsletter – Summer 2016**

**Fishing reports** – Despite mostly low water conditions there have been large numbers of rising fish on the river recently, especially early and late in the day. So dry fly fishing with fine tippets has been rewarding with some good sized Trout landed. But we really could do with a spell of wet weather to raise the river level and flow. When we do get this try to get down fishing in the first day or two after the spate. North Country spider patterns work well in the summer on a falling spate.

If you have caught a good sized Trout on our stretch this season and you have a photo of it please let me know and it can be entered into our Helliwell Trophy competition for the largest Brown Trout of the season.

**Prospects for the ponds** – The Tench in our Members Pond have recently been observed spawning and good sized Tench, Carp and Pike have been spotted in the margins of our Roadside Pond. There are also huge numbers of fry in both ponds which bodes well for the future. The summer is the best time to fish both these waters so why not go and have a fish there. Evenings and early mornings are best but if you go on a cooler/cloudy day you might catch and any time of the day.

**Greggs Foundation Environment grant** – The club was recently awarded £470 from Greggs (the bakers) to be spent on our environmental activities.

**Working parties (social events)** – we plan to run some over the coming weeks, one of which, on 2<sup>nd</sup> July, is a members and wives/partners/children event with a BBQ.

The dates are:

- Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June 10am to 1pm on the river, based from the Middleton Woods Crumbwheel footbridge car parking area.
- Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 10am to 4pm at the ponds. This is our social / barbeque event. Bring the family, pull up a few balsam plants, have a chat, a beer/wine/soft drink, a bite to eat (the latter two provided by the club) and then if you fancy a fish bring your gear and our club committee members can advise you on the best fishing spots, bait tactics, etc.
- Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 10am to 1pm on the river. Meeting place to be advised.

If you plan to attend one then please let Steve Fairbourn or I know and then he or I can let you know the meeting point and time and if the working party has been cancelled due to poor weather or a high river level.

David Martin, Secretary

9<sup>th</sup> June, 2016