



## Members' Newsletter – Autumn 2020

### Fishing reports

On the river it is now **Grayling** (and Chub) fishing through to 14<sup>th</sup> March, the Trout season having ended at the end of September. The fly fishing on the **river** has been good these last few weeks. Some days there have been rising fish to be seen all along the river. It is at times like this that you realise how large our Grayling and Trout population is at Ilkley. Try small dry flies (size 18/20) such as a Griffiths Gnat, Black Gnat, 'F' Fly or Adams, on a fine (3lb) tippet. Look for rising fish in the flat glides. Small nymphs and spiders are working well in the quick water in the heads of the pools. The fly fishing should stay good until at least late-November for Grayling with bait fishing being productive all winter long. I particularly enjoy trotting a small worm using my very old Allcock Aerial centre pin reel. Remember that all Grayling caught must be returned alive to the water.

Our **Members Lagoon** has been producing some good fish recently with **Mirror Carp** upto around 7lbs, **Bream** to 5lb 12oz and Perch. Some Perch and a Bream were even caught by fly fishing tactics. The fishing should stay worthwhile until we have had some cold nights after which it probably won't be worth fishing there again until next spring. Remember that you can take guests to fish the ponds without the need for a guest or day ticket (but you must be there with them).

### Working parties

There will be working parties at the **Members Lagoon** on Saturday **10<sup>th</sup> October** starting around 10.00am and continuing until around 1pm to 2pm and again on **31st October**. If the weather forecast for the morning is poor then the working party might not take place. If you want to check then call or text Steve Fairbourn (club President) on 07515 350929.

### No AGM meeting

Due to the Covid19 pandemic it is not going to be possible for the club to hold a normal AGM meeting this year. However we do plan to hold a 'virtual' AGM via email/post. In late-November I will circulate copies of the 2020 reports of the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary. We have vacancies on the committee for anyone who would like to get involved in the running of the club and we are looking for a new bailiff. If you wish to be considered for one of these posts then please let me know. This is also the opportunity for you to propose potential rule changes. In line with the club rules 'Changes of Rules or Notices of Motion are to be notified in writing, duly proposed and seconded to the Secretary no later than the second Monday in November, prior to the AGM.'

### Your feedback

If you have any thoughts on how the fishing on our club waters can be improved or any other suggestions on the running of the club then please give me a call or drop me an email. And if you have any catches reports or other angling material that you'd like to share with the membership please email them to me.

'Tight lines', stay safe

David Martin, Secretary  
4<sup>th</sup> October, 2020