



## **Members' Newsletter – September 2019**

### **Dave Armstrong RIP**

I am very sad to have to report that our much loved bailiff Dave Armstrong passed away last week. As well being a very nice guy and a very good angler Dave put in a huge amount of effort on behalf of the club over very many years for which we are extremely grateful. He will be sorely missed by many. Until a new bailiff is appointed (do any of you fancy the job?) bailiff duties will be shared by committee members and members are asked to report (by phone) sightings of any suspicious activities along our river stretch or at the ponds. Contacts are: David Martin 07544 911441, Steve Fairbourn 07515 350929 and Gary Williams 07979 230780. Please carry our numbers with you when fishing and call us immediately you see anything you feel that you ought to let us know about.

### **Fishing reports and prospects**

The summer **Trout** fishing on the river has been much better than last year because we've had consistently better river levels with no chance for algae and other muck to build up on the river bed. Some very good Trout have been caught with fish to well over 3lbs.

Right through from now until at least mid-November the fishing for Trout (until 30<sup>th</sup> September) and **Grayling** should be excellent. There are large numbers of both species in our stretch, especially from the Crumbwheel pool (by Middleton woods) upstream. Dry fly, nymph and trotting should all bring good catches when conditions are reasonable.

The **coarse fishing** on the **Members Lagoon** has been good over the summer and is likely to stay good at least until the first proper frosts of autumn. Lots of Perch have been caught; including a biggie of 1lb 10oz, plus some good sized Tench, Bream and Rudd.

### **Catch returns**

Please continue to keep some basic records of your in-season Trout and Grayling catches so that next March/April you can submit this information with your membership renewal.

### **Working parties**

Some very productive working parties have been held at the ponds over the summer plus a litter picking morning on the river. Our next working party is scheduled for the Members Lagoon for Saturday morning 7<sup>th</sup> September (10am-1pm). Please let me know (by email or text message to 07544 911441) if you plan to attend. That way if it is called off due to a bad weather forecast then I can let you know.

### **We are looking for new committee members**

Please call or email me if you are interested in joining us.

### **Ponds stock fish**

We are planning to stock around twenty good sized Bream into the Members Lagoon over the coming winter. These will add to the mature Tench, Roach and Rudd which were stocked late last winter. Club finances are limited so please will you let me know if you know of any surplus fish that we may be able to acquire locally for little or no cost to the club. Ideally we are looking for silver fish, ie. Roach, Rudd and/or skimmer Bream.

### **Partner clubs**

As you know we have arranged access for you to fish the excellent and varied fly fishing and coarse fishing waters of the **Knaresborough, Wetherby and Skipton clubs**. All you have to do is request to me to fish a specific water on a specific date and so long as two IAA members are not already booked to fish that club's waters on that day then you can go. Maps and details of the waters are on the websites of:

Wetherby AC <https://wetherbyanglingclub.wixsite.com/wdac/club-waters>,

Knaresborough Piscatorials <https://www.knaresborough-piscatorials.co.uk/> and

Skipton AA <http://www.skiptonangling.co.uk/Venues.html>.

### **Ilkley AA website**

We are always in need of new material to ensure that the club's website is interesting and informative. Please let me know if you have any catches news or any other material that you think might be of interest to the other members that could be posted on the website.

### **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.

'Tight lines'

David Martin  
Secretary