



Dear fellow Member,

## Subscriptions and Update

Your Committee and I hope to see at Loompit again this year. To all New Members, we welcome you on board. To everyone, we hope you all have a chance to enjoy some excellent fishing.

We have a fantastic fishing Club. If you just want to visit the lake and enjoy some fly fishing in peace and quiet, that's great. You can come and go as you please to get away from it all, or you can arrange to meet fellow Members. You can bring friends or relatives, to cast a line, on Guest tickets - they can join you in your sport. Close relatives can fish with your rod for no charge – if you trust them with it? (Club rules explain the terms and conditions)

We are a Club, so you have the chance to socialise more, if you so wish. We have had some great turnouts for our Gatherings and the Lodge has come into its own when it comes to the organisation and, most importantly, the catering! – say no more.

There is great potential in the use of the lodge. We have been donated a staggering amount of fly tying materials. We now have the opportunity for “knitting circle” informal meets, or more formal (but not intense) instructional classes. Let Nigel or Martyn know, if you're interested.

Many Members of your Committee are newly in post and we have faced some challenges. We're building strong foundations so we will be in a position to get more Social Activity up and running. We're always open to suggestions. If we can do it – we will!

2017 was a strange fishing year with some outstanding months and some absolute stinkers. The End Result is that more fish were caught than we thought (or remember?). This little chart tells the story:-

Catch Rate	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Average	247	318	458	550	320	130	44	23	47	144	247	226	2754
2017	217	427	595	588	303	158	1	0	0	231	265	72	2857

Brown trout are popular, but proved to be more elusive this year. Maybe they're just getting wiser. Because of their slow growth and feed costs, Lawrence is no longer producing them. He will outsource them for us. The “Periodic Update” has been well received by new Members, in particular. I will continue to produce it – for as long as you want. It is getting more technical and theoretical – is that a problem?

Your Committee and I look to keep our prices as low as possible. Our finances are robust and New Member recruitment has boosted our base numbers and income. We can now put in an extra stock of Rainbows. Being unscheduled the fish may be larger than normal – hopefully no-one will object?

Our 10 year Lease is up for renewal in October. We knew this rent increase was coming, of course. We don't know how much the increase will be. We have to be prepared for a considerable hike. More Wall repairs are needed and Trinity Estates are a business.

There will be a surplus to our finances this year and, with our Budgets and forecasts, we should be able contend with a modest increase in Subscription to maintain the integrity of the Club.

For Full Membership, the increase is £10, to £395 – an increase of 2.6%. Concessionary Members enjoy a discount to variable costs in the calculation. For Concessionary Members, the increase, being fixed cost related, is also £10, to £290 – an increase of 3.6%. This is still a saving of £105 or 26.6%.

The cost per drop of fish will not change and all other charges remain as they are.

The ongoing work in the background is ever present and quite time consuming. Never-the-less your Committee Members are settling in and getting on with the job. We approach future challenges with confidence, knowing we have the spirit to move ever forward. Your ideas or suggestions are important to us. Don't be afraid to ask for assistance – We'll always be there to give you help, advice or tuition.

We'll be seeing you at the lake – with Tight Lines,

on behalf of your Committee.