



ST MICHAEL FLY FISHERS



NEWSLETTER

Avon Springs March 2015



Despite the endless road works on the M3 all twenty members managed to arrive in time, even Joe, and Kevin, must be that new car Joe, to partake in the excellent breakfast served up by Anna Maria, and her team. We

were pleased to officially welcome our three new members from Croxley Green Fly Fishers being Carl Bolding, Ed Komoroski, and Dave Newman, and our latest new member Richard Harrison who came to us via our new web site.

We wish them all a long, and happy association with the club. It was also good to see Godfrey following his recent heart trouble, and the ever-young Eddie Edwards who had just celebrated his 92nd birthday, and recovered well from a nasty fall last December. They say when the winds are coming from the east The Fish Bite the Least, but as you will see from John Huntley's report this was certainly not the case. The fishery had obviously been well stocked, and fish were caught right throughout the day. Good fighting trout in superb condition. 20 anglers weighed in 79 fish weighing a total of 282 lbs 14 ozs. To the best of my knowledge the best ever day we have had at Avon Springs. Lots of photos to see on our web site in the photo gallery. Take a look.

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Our thanks to John Huntley for acting as Day Captain, and for his report on the day.



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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DAY

NO ONE FELL IN!

FLIES Damsels, blue flash ones

Blobs, PTNs, etc etc. Everything seemed to work.

GILLIE OF THE DAY.

Must go to Iain Laws who helped net so many fish for other members.

RAFFLE.

Thanks to all of you we raised a total of £100. The fishery gave us a full day ticket, and our newest member Richard Harrison kindly donated a super fishing waistcoat, and there were many other prizes.



This looks like Joe is standing in the water with this superb fish of 7lbs 11ozs



Peter Wilson into a good fish, and Basher Broome waiting to net it.



*Young Eddie Edwards
Amazing at 92*

Day captains report By John Huntley

A troublesome chilly North Easterly breeze was present for most of the day but that didn't stop the St Michael fly fishers from enjoying another good days sport at Avon Springs.

It was good to see Eddy on the bank enjoying himself thanks to the assistance of fellow SMFF members. Having recently turned 92, Eddy managed to catch his bag and show that he still has the skills.

The hot spots soon became evident with all members catching at certain pegs, well I say all members, somehow Kevin found the fish elusive at these places despite having more tries than all of the Six Nations sides that day. However persistence paid off and Kevin finally caught his quota minutes before the final whistle

Most members had caught their share by lunch time but a few of us had to catch a few more.

This was quickly done at the day's premier hot spot on the top lake.

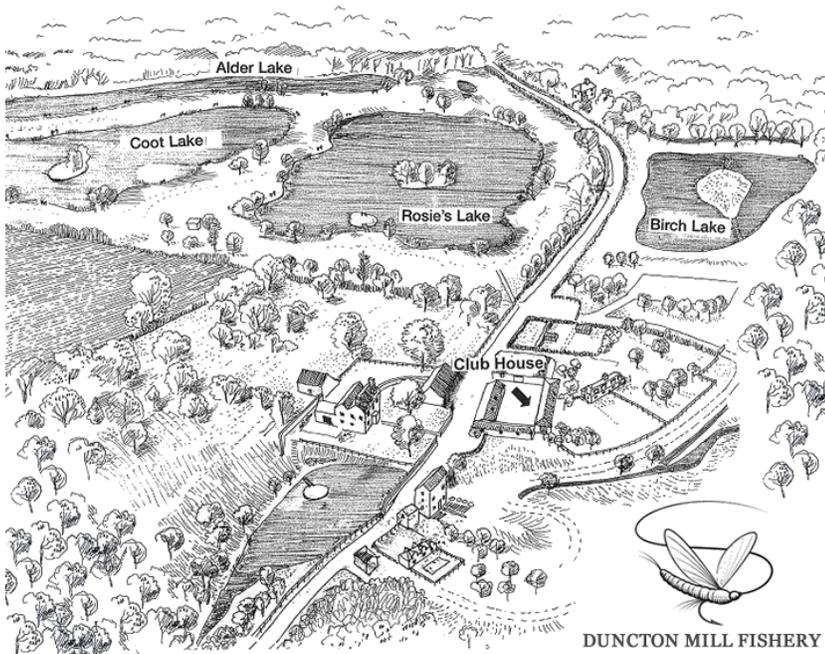
The new zoning arrangements seem to work well although there was some confusion regarding pegs. This system seems to allow all to access the better spots more readily.

This has probably been one of our best outing to Avon Springs as all anglers bar one had bagged up by 4pm and the other angler had caught 3 fish. The biggest bag prize was won by Joe Tufo with 18lb 4oz and the biggest fish of 7lb 11oz. Therefore the prize for the biggest fish was awarded to David Broom with a fish just under 7lb. The Secret Weight prize was awarded to our new member Richard Harrison.

It was good to see some new faces at SMFF enjoying the fishing and banter

All in all another good day at Avon Springs

Next Event Duncton Mill Sat 25th April



Some of you will remember the bad experience we had at this fishery many years ago, but forget that, fings aint wot they used to be. It's all change here with 4 lakes stocked with Rainbows, Brown, and Tiger Trout. Kevin, and Joe visited it in February, and their findings were very impressive. So far only 14 members have said they will be attending. So let me whet your appetite.

Set in superb surroundings we have exclusive use of this venue, an excellent clubhouse where we will be having breakfast, complimentary tea, coffee, cakes, and biscuits during the day. A well equipped tackle shop, and most importantly hard fighting fish, and by the way there is not a wedding taking place. So come on guys if you have not already said you will be attending now is the time to change your mind, and say I WILL COME. Let me know ASAP so I can confirm numbers. Final details will be sent out on the 17th April.

SMFF NEW WEB SITE

Its up, its running, and starting from now the only way you will be able to keep up to date with all that is happening in your club is to use the web site. I know there are a couple of members who do not have computers, tablets or smart phones, and they will continue to receive all this information by post. There will be certain documents, for instance subs, deposits, and attendance information which can only be accessed from the members page, which is password, protected.

As our mailing list includes non-members, eg guests, potential new members, and others whom we like to keep in touch with, members only will shortly receive an e-mail with the password. We ask you not to give this password to anyone else. The password will remain current for the current year, and change for the ensuing year.

I am pleased to tell you we have already had several enquiries via the web site, two of which have resulted in new members. Let me remind you of the link to the web site which is as follows

<http://www.smff.co.uk>

At this point our thanks to Joe Tufo, his assistant Emy, who with input from George, and myself has produced our superb web site which we know from comments already received, not only from members, but others who have viewed it, have rated it as excellent.

We hope you will enjoy using it, and contribute articles, jokes, your experiences (fishing ones of course) photos etc which we will be happy to include.

Last but by no means least I hope you will like this new format, it will be hard to emulate Bill Berloth's amazing newsletters, but I will try my best.

I look forward to seeing you all soon.

With kindest regards, and Tight Lines

Michael Littlestone

Hon Secretary

ps A warm welcome to yet another new member Vic Holloway who will be joining us at Duncton Mill. We look forward to meeting him.