

# St. Michael



# FLYFISHERS



DUNCTON MILL FISHERY

MATCH REPORT 8<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2022





## DAY CAPTAIN'S MATCH REPORT

**An intrepid group of 13 made their way under a clear, chilly, star-studded sky for our meet at Duncton Mill.**

We foregathered as normal about 8am with tea/coffee and some rather delicious crumbly custard cream tartlets provided by Carol our host. After this we set off, wrapped up in the chilly air to what essentially was a free roaming day on Birch and Rosie's lakes. The only stipulation was that we had to move lakes after taking 2 fish. The hot spots were soon identified; fish were taken quite quickly. The first bag was completed by yours truly at 10.05!

The day then settled down. The chill disappeared to be replaced by shirtsleeves in the warm, calm sunshine and a steady day's fishing with success for some and not for others. Damsels, of course, in their various guises were the flies of the day to match those flying in and out of the marginal bullrushes around the fishery. Amongst flies tried as well as the Damsels, were Cat's Whiskers, Montana's and wrigglers of various sorts. Some said the fish were deep, some said near the surface! Make your mind up chaps!

Breakfast rolls were available at 10.30 and cake and tea/coffee at 15.00 to go with the weigh in. Variable degrees of success during the day with an average catch of 2.25; 29 fish from 13 fishing. There were only 2 Blank cards!

**Tom Smith** Day captain



## SECRETARYS REPORT SEPTEMBER 2022

Referring first to Duncton Mill with the news the fishery was changing hands from the end of the October we were not sure what to expect, as Carole had asked me a few days before if we minded some of the season ticket holders fishing as well. We agreed to have sole use of Birch, and Rosies, and they would fish Coot, and Ned, the long lake at the bottom of the slope. As it happens, we all had a good day see Tom's report. We will wait and see what happens with the new owners and take a decision if we will go back next season. I hope we will, as so many of us love fishing there. In view of the circumstances, we felt it would be embarrassing to ask for a day ticket for the raffle, and our thanks to Geoff for donating a framed picture in its place.

By now you will all know our planned outing to Meon Springs on November 12th has been cancelled due to very low water levels and switched to John O Gaunt. The response has been good, and it looks as though we have 20+ attending. I will be sending an email with the final details on the 5<sup>th</sup> of November.

On the membership front we have had two enquiries from Duncton season ticket holders, whom Joe met when we were there, and will ask them if they wish to join us at John O Gaunt.

We send our best wishes to Brian Maguire for a speedy recovery following a knee replacement.

Finally, may I remind anyone holding a trophy to please let me have it back when we go to John O Gaunt so they can be engraved in time for our AGM in December.

I look forward to seeing you all at JOG.

**Michael Littlestone** Hon Sec.



### Latest News From Farmoor

There will be no more fishing this year. The pontoon on F2 has grounded and is damaged so will need repairing before being used again. The new pontoon on F1 is under construction but work is currently at a standstill for reasons unknown to the rangers. A shame for sure but hopefully this will provide some spectacular sport when it reopens.

If you wish to fish Farmoor you should check with the rangers on 07747 640707 before you set out







## DUNCTON MILL Results and Winners

### Colin Bateman:

With the best Bag of the day 4 Fish at 9lb 10 oz

### Tom Smith:

With his biggest fish a rainbow of at 3lb 5oz

**Both winning a £10 note**

**Total Number of anglers 13**

**Total number of fish caught 30**

### Lucky Draw Raffle

#### Dave Cross:

Framed Picture

#### Tom Smith:

£40 Travel expenses

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# GALLERY



## A Little Tip:

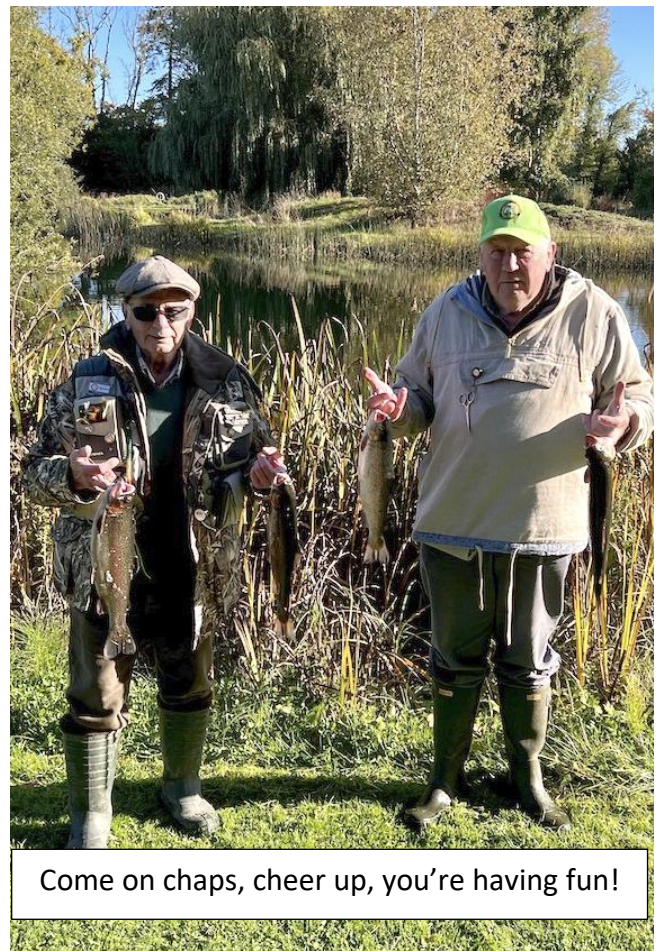
### Remember that not all stillwaters are still.

Although they are called Stillwaters and all you see from above is a bit of surface ripple, stillwaters are not actually still beneath the surface. The wind action on most lakes causes the water to move constantly, which means that food is always on the move with the trout following.

Trout in stillwaters will often behave the same as trout in rivers who will move to position themselves with their noses pointing upstream.

Obstacles such as points and islands also affect the movement of water, so look for the areas where the water is being driven by the wind, this may help you to locate feeding trout.

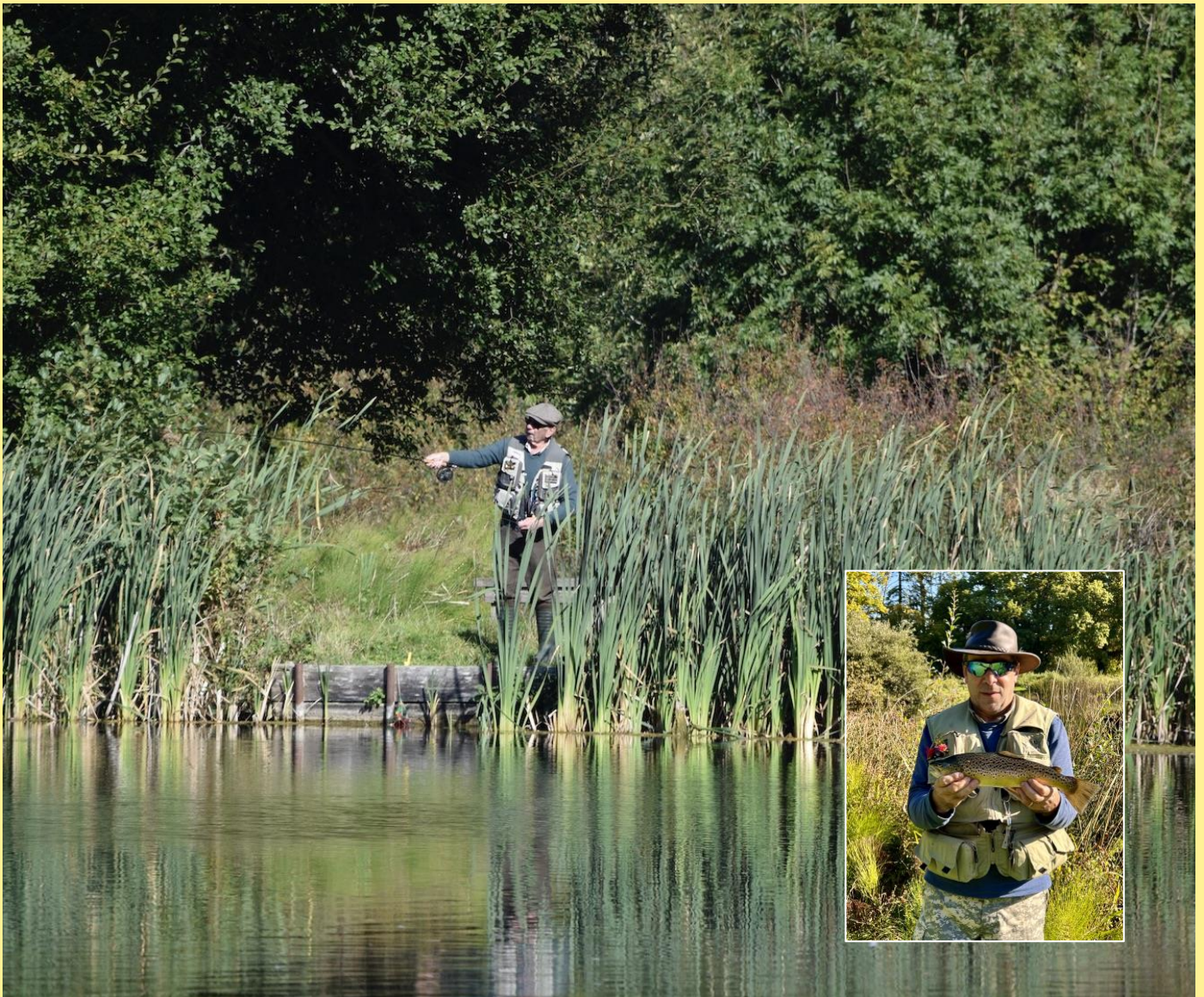
*Remember still waters are not always still and Trout often follow the wind and water movement*



Come on chaps, cheer up, you're having fun!



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My thanks to Tom & Joe for the photo's.  
You can see these and others in more detail on the SMFF web site.

