



# St. Michael



# FLYFISHERS

LAKEDOWN MATCH REPORT  
27<sup>th</sup> May 2023

ST MICHAEL FLY FISHERS Date 27 May 2023

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## DAY CAPTAIN'S MATCH REPORT

Once Again, we were back down to the beautiful scenic venue Lakedown in East Sussex. This time we had Charles Jardine joining us as a guest to the club representing his charity (Fishing for schools) which we decided as a club to support.

21 members/guests attended the day, the journey being some distance for most of us. However, the weather rewarded those who attended as it was a lovely warm day with the sun out throughout most of it.

The day started with Tea & Coffee along with the usual bacon & egg roll. Fishing commenced at approx. 9.30 after Joe took a team photo followed by a few fishery rules from Ted (Fishery Manager), Charles explained the importance of charity and I briefed the day's structure. We ended up with approx. 5 anglers per lake rotating numerically after 45 minutes per zone.

The lakes were fishing quite well considering the bright day, the fish seemed to be down fairly deep on some lakes and up in water on others. Black / olive damsel patterns seem to work best with a fast to medium retrieve.

1.30 was Lunch, everyone met back at the lodge for a Beer/soft drink curtesy of Joe (Thanks Joe) those who did not have food could get something from the pre-arranged food stall. The food was indeed tasty. Much to the delight of everyone, Roger Daltrey made an appearance during lunch to chat and had his photo taken with a few of us. Lunch was followed by Geoff & Roger presenting the cheque to Charles. (Thanks, Geoff, for arranging Charles). The auction went well just before we commenced the afternoon free roaming session. Unfortunately, Charles needed to get away early. A sum of approx. £450 was raised for the charity. (Well done everyone!)

The days fishing ended at 4.30 with tea and cake provided. A total of 49 fish were caught, with most around 2lbs in weight. However, a couple of members did not catch. A couple of fish around 3-3.5lb were landed. Mine, being one of those- taking the biggest caught fish of the day and Dave Broome with the heaviest bag, both of us receiving a £10 prize. There were a number of raffle prizes won. Don Garner the Travel expenses & Brian Quearney the day ticket, plus a few other donations as prizes.

I think everyone enjoyed the day and the hospitality; I Hope to see you all on the next trip.

*Colin Bateman* Day Captain

## SECRETARYS REPORT 27<sup>th</sup> MAY 2023

**Well, those of you unable to attend missed what was a day to remember in the history of our club.**

We really did struggle to find the 20 rods required to ensure a good turnout, and exclusive use of the fishery. But thanks to six guests, including past members George, and Stuart Farmer, together with Colin Bateman's dad Lionel, Patrick, and Gareth who came all the way from Ireland for just 24 hours at Joes invitation, Dave Holding's son Ash, plus the welcome return of both Bez, and Brian Quearney having recovered from their health problems, we just managed it. Thank you all. I won't add anything else as it is covered in the rest of this newsletter, enjoy reading it, with all amazing photos.

Next up John O Gaunt on June 24<sup>th</sup>. To date we have 23 members all having paid a deposit, and I will be emailing those asking you to confirm your attendance by 12<sup>th</sup> June as we must limit it to 26 anglers. Once I have this information, I will offer any remaining places on a first come first served basis.

*Michael Littlestone* Hon Sec.

## A Note from our President

All the reports in this month's Match Report from Lakedown carry a message of

**A day to remember!**

But there is a back story for a day spent in such a beautiful setting.

I can link my own 85<sup>th</sup> birthday the on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June with the 35/36-year Anniversary of St Michael Fly Fishers.

The tight community that we share, enjoyed the visit of Charles Jardine, not only for his company and place in Angling History; but our shared involvement and hopes for the future of our sport.

Charles and I have discussed how a '**pathway**' might be established and how his Generation of young anglers can find a route into organised opportunities to fish!

You may have noticed that our own members are 'mainly' of a certain age! It is not established yet: But the key organisations & elements are there, to be recognized.

I am hopeful that we may shortly feature in an Article in **Fly Fishing & Fly-Tying** Magazine, and hopefully add another element and encouraging further our future involvement in the magic of **Fly Fishing!**

My thanks & best wishes to all in this Amazing Club

*Geoff Brooks* President St Michael Fly Fishers

Ps. Just to let you know I received this short email from Charles Jardine.

**From:** "Charles Jardine" <charles@charlesjardine.co.uk>

**To:** "Geoff Brooks" <brookscene@aol.com>

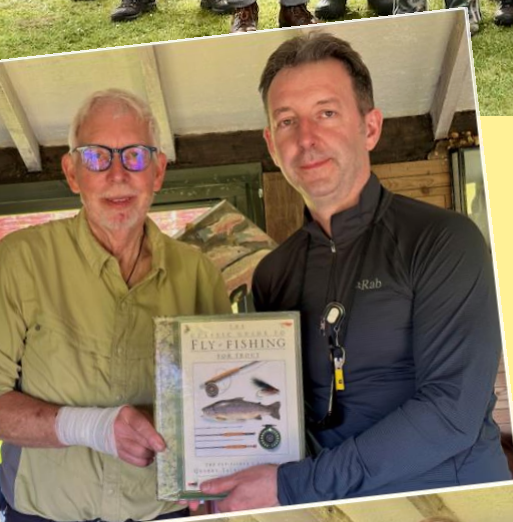
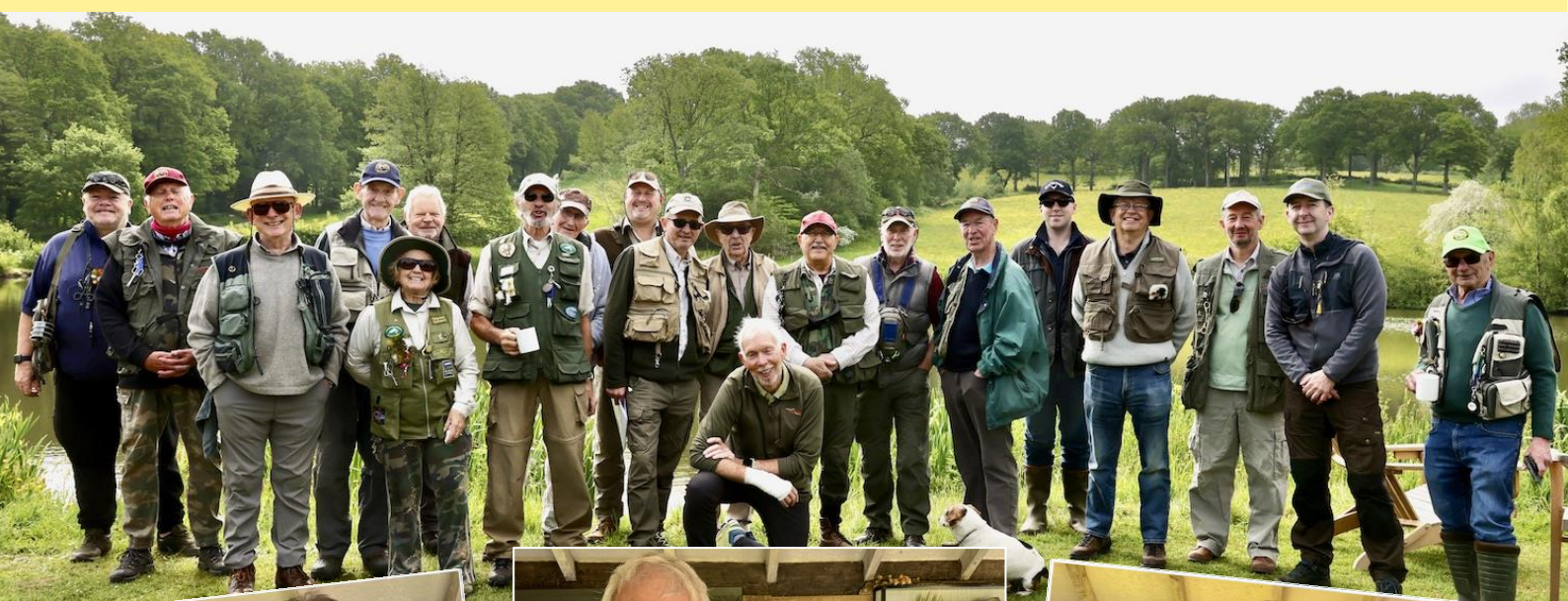
**Sent:** Sat, 27 May 2023 at 22:37

**Subject:** Today

**What a great and fabulous day !**

**Thank you** 🙏





## LAKEDOWN Results and Winners

### David Broome:

With the top weight of 9 lb 4oz.

Wins a £10 Note

### Colin Bateman:

The best fish of the day, a Rainbow of 3lb 4oz.

Wins a £10 Note

## Lucky Draw Raffle

Brian Quearney: Day Ticket to Lakedown Don Garner: Travel expenses £40.00

Five other anglers won prizes that had been kindly donated.

Total Number of anglers 21 Total number of fish caught 49



## A Note from our Chairman

I would like to thank everyone for helping to make this such a memorable day in our club's history, with special thanks to Geoff Brooks for arranging the "Fishing Guru / God / Artisan" and gentleman Charles Jardine to join us in such magnificent surroundings. With fabulous weather, and not a cold and frozen Avon Springs as was originally intended. (In reality we dodged a bullet), this was a truly special occasion.

I would also like to thank Mike Littlestone who with Geoff Brooks and I managed to rustle up the numbers needed to maintain exclusivity, only a week before we were faced with a significant shortfall on the minimum number required.

The event was also attended by a couple of my Irish Guests and friends Pat and Gareth who flew over from Dublin to attend, they had not joined me on a fishing event since 2001, when I had Charles Jardine as special guest. I thank them for making this trip and for the contribution they made to our Auction, which so far has raised almost £800. On the day we were able to ask Roger to present a cheque to Charles for our initial £250 donation, excludes auction proceeds.

We also Thank Roger Daltrey and his son Jamie for being excellent hosts and in particular Roger, who not only spent a couple of hours with us, and donated a Poster signed by both he and Peter Townsend, the two last remaining members of the Who. He was also very courteous and accommodating in having many selfies with members. Images available on our site and newsletter shortly. We did not put the poster into the days auction as we were advised by Roger that it would not raise sufficient funds with numbers in attendance, so with the photo of authenticity (needs a little work to obscure a guest in the background) will be worth over £500, any Who Fans and Roger Daltrey fans *wishing to put a bid in please send it to me Tom or Mike.*

In helping to arrange this event I also discovered, from a conversation with Peter Cockwill at Dever a couple of weeks earlier that Both he and Charles assisted Roger Daltrey over 35 years ago in designing the layout of Lakedown Fishery and that Roger himself actually purchased Diggers and dugout the lakes himself to create what is now a part of "The High Weald Area of Natural Beauty".

*I must also mention that in spite to Charles being attacked by a dog whilst out walking the day before, hence the bandages on his right wrist, he still attended and helped many members with advice and encouragement. As part of his fund raising campagne he and Peter Cockwill will be undertaking a fly-casting marathon of 26.2 miles at Syon Park on June 21<sup>st</sup> which will take over 10 hours, if around on that date please help and support him. See link below:*

<https://www.fishingforschools.co.uk/post/cockwill-and-jardine-set-to-cast-a-marathon-for-charity>

*And finally, to all the members that attended and contributed to Charles Jardines –*

***Fishing for Schools*** auction,

*a great thank you, it has been apparent for many years that we need youngsters coming into the sport or ultimately it will perish as a sport and pastime.*

*Joe Tafo* Chairman St Michael Fly Fishers





# GALLERY





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My thanks to Joe for the photos.  
There were so many photos taken on the day that could not be included in this Match Report. You can see these **all** in more detail on the SMFF web site.

