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St Michael Fly Fishers

MEON SPRINGS

Match Report

Day Captain: Michael Littlestone



Age before beauty.
Kala with Eddie

MEON SPRINGS Day Captain's Report for 13th October 2018

It had been four months since our last outing so it was good to be out fishing again with the club. With so many fisheries not back to normal due to the water temperatures still being too warm, spring fed Meon Springs was fishable.

Despite a rain shower first thing it turned out to be a beautiful day with afternoon temperatures in the low 20's. We were pleased to welcome Bill, and Al Logan who, earlier this year had expressed their interest in joining the club, also Alan Butler, a guest of Dave Broome, and Ian Kelly a guest of Vic Holloway on his second outing with us.

A good turnout of 22 anglers enjoyed a cup of coffee, a pastry, and a chat before we started fishing. Once again in memory of George we fished the first hour with a brightly coloured fly, the type George would have used, but a lot smaller. During this time only 8 fish were caught, the biggest being a tad over 3lbs taken by yours truly, much to my surprise winning the George Wilding Memorial Trophy. Suffice to say the only fish I managed to catch all day. My apologies to Joe who castigated the choice of this fly, despite having a hot head bead it would not sink easily, so it only pretended to be a lure, and couldn't be called a lure in the true sense etc, etc, etc. Never mind Joe, next year it will be one that really sinks!! After breakfast using any fly, off we all went with high hopes. This year we had the whole fishery so plenty of room on the two lakes. It was catch one fish, and move 3 or 4 pegs so everyone could get around the fishery. Due to the hot summer the water level was a lot lower than usual, but very clear, and plenty of fish everywhere. It certainly was not easy, but 4 anglers managed to bag up, the rest catching 2 or 3, and just one fish for

four of us. Asking which flies were used the Blue Flash Damsel, Snakes, Buzzers, Stalking Bugs, all caught fish, but I suspect many others did as well.

During the day we were joined by three members of Meon Springs Fly Fishers, Julia and Will Blake, and Kala Kilshaw. Kala submits articles to Trout Fisherman, and was amazed to find out Eddie was 95. Kala is sure she can get an article printed and published shortly. We were delighted they enjoyed spending time with us, and they may join us at Duncton Mill in November. I hope everyone enjoyed the day, my thanks to Iain Laws for his help at the weigh in.

George Wilding Memorial Trophy



Michael's trout, with the George Wilding memorial fly

What a great start to the day for Michael. We know if George had been looking down on us he would have been delighted that such a good fish had fallen to the 'George Wilding Memorial Fly' that was dedicated to his memory.

Michael Littlestone

The full results will be available to view under the member's section on our website at smff.co.uk in the next week or so.



SECRETARYS REPORT OCTOBER 2018

A great turnout at Meon Springs including six guests, all of whom have expressed interest in joining the club which is great news.

Our next outing to Duncton Mill is on 10th November. We have never fished here at this time of the year, so with the colder weather it should be a cracking day. As usual breakfast, and afternoon tea is being provided, and I hope as many of you as possible will attend. Final details will be emailed shortly. If anyone has not yet returned their trophies please bring them to Duncton so we have time to get them engraved. Just to remind you our AGM, and last outing of the year is **not** at Lechlade, but is now at Avon Springs on December 8th.

I did meet up with Tim Small at Lechlade a few weeks ago, and explained why we were not coming. He obviously was concerned, and said he had made many changes. I noticed a completely new team now running the fishery. Tim said he would have to rebuild his relationship with us, and suggested some of us should come, and fish Lechlade later this year, as he had so many double figure fish to put in, and he reckoned the average size will be over 10lbs. I will suggest a date when this could be, and see who would like to go. Maybe mid-week ? Let's see, and decide at our AGM if we put Lechlade back on our venue list for next year.

I was sorry to hear Bill Berloth's mother passed away recently, and on behalf of the club we extend to him, and his family our sincere condolences at this difficult time.

Michael Littlestone.

Next Outing
10th November
DUNCTON MILL

END OF DAY RESULTS

Winner of the **George Wilding Memorial Trophy**
Michael Littlestone with a fish of 3lbs 1oz

Best bag of the day... **Dave Broome** 4 fish 13lbs 1oz

Biggest fish of the day... *Both with the same weight fish*
Jugs and Alastair Logan with fish of 3lbs 8oz

Dave Broome had the bigger fish at 4lb 4oz but club rules apply

Total No Anglers 22
Total No fish caught 44

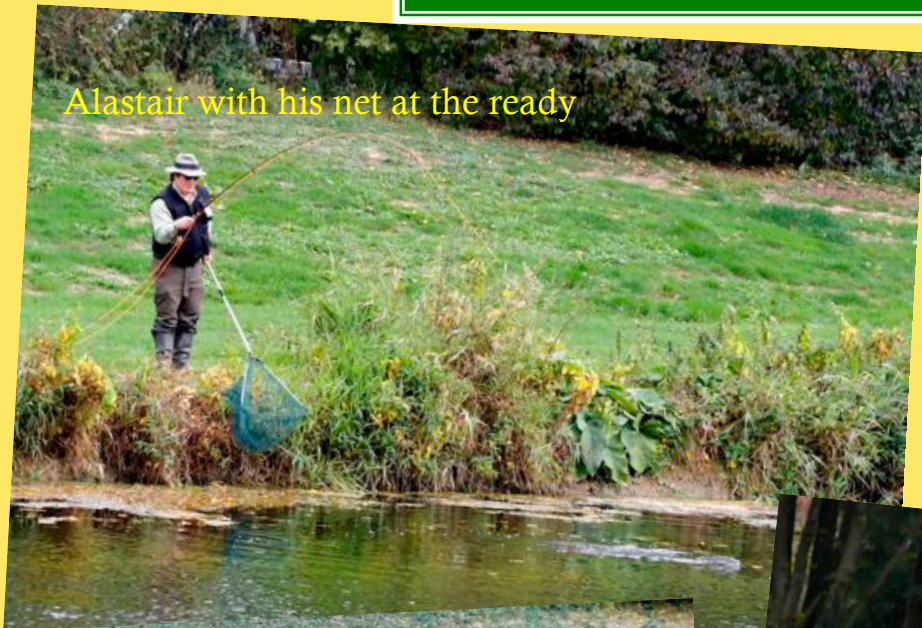


Prize shared by Jugs and Alastair



GALLERY

Alastair with his net at the ready



Kala



Fishing the top lake at Meon



Eddie Edwards
fully focused



Ian Smith lands fish



For some reason Eddie just
can't stop smiling.

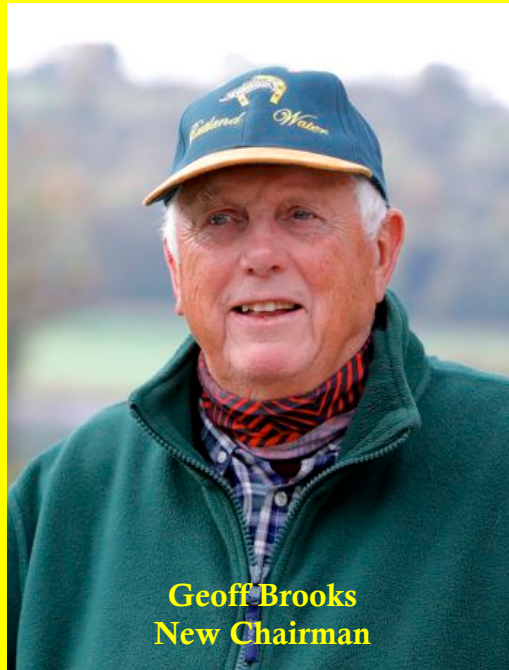


Kala & Will

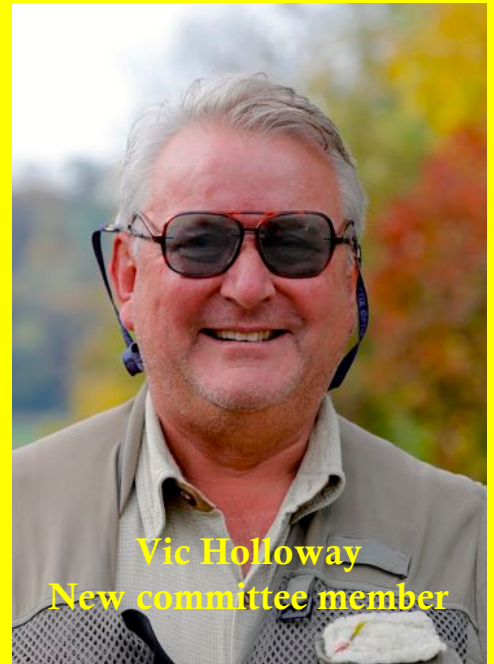




Mike Littlestone
Day Captain & Club
Secretary



Geoff Brooks
New Chairman



Vic Holloway
New committee member



Jugs
with his
Best fish



Bez is wondering just how Kevin does it.



Kala hiding Jugs knees!

Sorry Jugs but we would all
rather look at Kala



Prospective new members

Thank's again to Joe Tufo for the great photo's