

St Michael Fly Fishers

Match Report February 2018



LECHLADE

A cold start to the day.

A good breakfast in very comfortable surroundings.

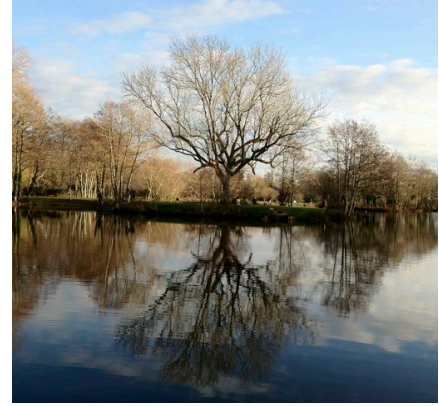
A chance to catch up with old friends.

A shared fishing story or two.

Then back to the serious business of fishing.

I was sorry that I was unable to make it to the first venue of 2018 but my daughters 50th birthday kept me away from what turned out to be a good days fishing for some and a bit of a struggle for others. Michael Stephens was Day Captain, the following is his report on the day.

Bill Berloth



Day Captains Report FEBRUARY 2018

I think it fair to say that first thing in the morning the wind was biting rather more than the fish, confirming the old adage,

‘WHEN THE WIND’S IN THE EAST THE FISH BITE THE LEAST’.

The clear blue sky and bright winter sun also helped to put the fish down. Even brighter though was the pair of kingfishers flying back and forth across the small lake for most of the morning. However, as the day progressed fish were found and, in some cases, lost again but although not up to its usual bountiful self, Lechlade did produce, with fish being landed right up until the last moment. Tom Smith proved to be his ever optimistic self by hooking his only fish as the final hooter blew.

A hot spot was identified and soon an orderly queue of anglers was formed. Although this very tight swim produced some lovely fish, the adjacent willow tree finished the day festooned with a wide range of flies and leaders and the surrounding air had taken on a visible shade of blue.

A tougher than usual day for our first outing with only three full bags and a half dozen three and two bag catches but given the cold and bright conditions the club performed pretty well in my opinion. Honours for the day went to Peter Burdett with a top bag weight of 25lb 10oz including a specimen of 7lb 10oz.

Mike Stephens Day Captain

SECRETARY'S REPORT

It was a great shame only 15 members, and two guests were able to attend the season's first outing to Lechlade. Unfortunately four others were either ill, or could not attend due to unforeseen circumstances. However I am sure we all enjoyed the day, but once again the lack of numbers meant the club incurred a fairly hefty subsidy as we are committed to have exclusive use.

We were pleased to welcome Colin Mann our newest member, and even though he failed to catch we hope he enjoyed his day. We also were pleased to present Jugs with the three trophies he won last season as he was on holiday at the time of our AGM. A big thank you guys for once again supporting the raffle, and for donating prizes.

Our best wishes go to our President Geoff Brooks who suffered a minor stroke a few weeks ago. I spoke to Geoff a few days ago, and he is progressing well.

Our next outing to Duncton Mill on March 17th is always a good day out with breakfast, and afternoon tea, and represents excellent value. To date we look like having 15 members attending. We could do with a few more, as there will always be one or two who will not be able to make it. If you would like to bring a guest they will be more than welcome, so let me know.

Look forward to seeing you all at Duncton.

Michael Littlestone Secretary

NEXT OUTING **Duncton Mill** **17th MARCH**

Full details will follow in a later briefing sheet

HAD A GOOD DAY FISHING ?

If you have had a good days fishing at a fishery that our cub is not visited we would all love to hear about it.

"Share your experience", please send me details and I will include it in the next match report. Perhaps other club members would like to give it a try.

Bill Berloth

REMINDER.... FISHING LICENCE....

Do not forget to apply for 2018/9 Licence
YOU NEED TO GET ONE BEFORE YOUR CURRENT
ONE EXPIRES

End of day results LECHLADE

Winner: Best bag

PETER BURDETT 4 fish @ 25lbs 10oz

Biggest Fish...Peter Burdett @ 7lb 10oz.
Club rules apply so prize went to

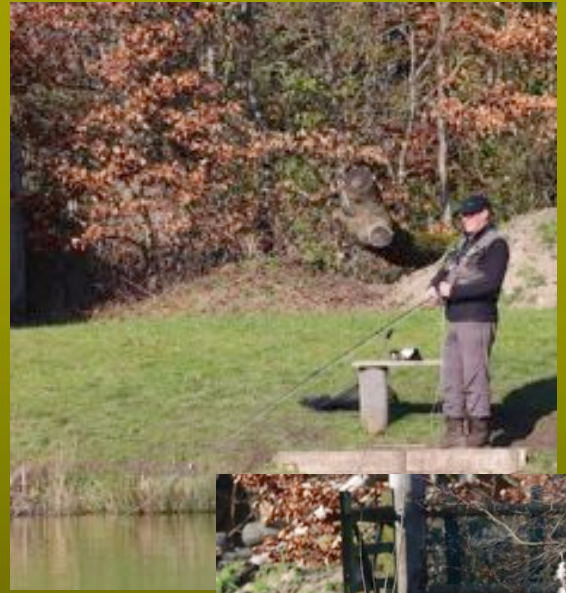
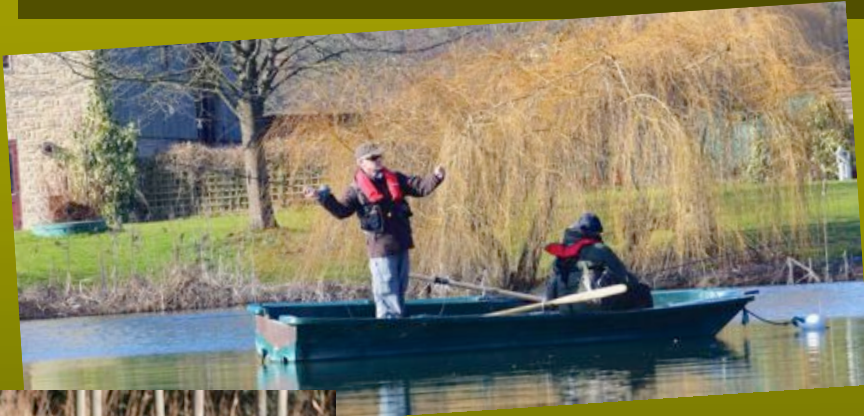
BRIAN BLOOM fish @ 7lbs 2oz

Total number of anglers 17

Total Number of fish caught 32



GALLERY



Thank you Joe for the great photo's. Others from the day not shown here can be viewed on the club website.