

**ST MICHAEL FLY FISHERS**



# ROCKBOURNE SOCIAL CLUB OUTING

## SATURDAY 1st MAY '21

We had to cancel our second planned club outing to Rockbourne last March due to Covid, and knowing just how much we really enjoyed our first visit in September of last year many members were keen to go back again. Having missed so much fishing during the lockdowns we decided to arrange this club social trip. Although not enough for exclusivity 13 of us turned up on this beautiful, if a bit chilly, sunny Saturday morning.

Refreshed with a coffee, and bacon butty, during which time we saw a couple of the regulars with doubles, off we went in search of our fish.

No rules except the fishery ones allowing a maximum of 2 fish from any one of the six lakes. It didn't take long before most of us were into our first fish.

Two, or three of us spent time walking around all the lakes trying to spot that double, and stalking. As usual the good old Blue flash damsel accounted for many fish, as did buzzers, GRHE, and Pheasant tails to name but a few.

So it continued till we stopped for a lunch break at 1pm. By that time many of us had bagged up, or at least had a couple of fish. By this time we were bathed in pleasantly warm sunshine with a gentle breeze, we could not have asked for a better day. After lunch with plenty of fish still showing those of us still looking for one or two fish went off to try, and bag up. All but one did with 49 fish being weighed in. If you are looking at the results sheet, and saying I am wrong its because Bob Fulton was using his 3 fish ticket he won in the raffle last year. Some swapped some, or all of their fish for packs of smoked trout which I must say was delicious, in my opinion as nice as, or better than smoked salmon.

Although we didn't find those doubles Martin Eastment caught the biggest fish at 6lbs winning a trophy, and much to my surprise I won the best bag with 14lbs 8ozs as Martin couldn't win both prizes.

I know everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day despite there being other anglers there, some of them I am sure regulars. We will most certainly book it for next season with exclusive use so we have the opportunity of catching those doubles. We will also subsidise the day to make it less expensive.

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