

ST MICHAEL FLY FISHERS

NEWSLETTER

*PRESIDENT'S DAY
Bushyleaze Sat 16th May 2015*



OUR YOUNG GUESTS FOR THE DAY HAVING ENJOYED
AN AFTERNOONS FISHING WITH US.

THANK YOU SMFF IT WAS GREAT

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SECRETARYS REPORT

The second year SMMF have hosted Angus Campbell's group of young anglers. A lot of new faces this time round, with a preponderance of girls from one school who actually have a fishing lesson at least once a week. In fact the girls caught more fish than the boys. What does that say? Our thanks to Geoff Brooks, and Angus for organising the day, and in particular those members who I pressganged into acting as coaches for each of the kids. Each of the youngsters was presented with a certificate, and a goody bag with items kindly donated by our sponsors Glasgow Angling, and a rod and a reel donated by Nomad were presented to the two youngsters who Angus felt had made a special effort towards the day. A special thank you to Tim Small, and his staff at Lechlade for making this day possible, and his continued support. To George, and Bill for the photos. Several members commented what a great day it had been, and this makes the work involved in organising same really worthwhile. I sincerely hope we will continue to hold this event again. My thanks to everyone who helped. Tight Lines

Michael Littlestone Hon Secretary

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DAY

1. A HEARTY BREAKFAST
2. KEVIN IN SHORTS, THEN HE PUT HIS WADERS ON
3. A HUGE MARQUEE. THANKS TIM
4. A GOOD LUNCH WITH DRINKS
5. WELL-SUPPORTED RAFFLE. THANKS GUYS
6. WELL BEHAVED AND POLITE YOUNGSTERS
7. 14 FISH CAUGHT BY THE YOUNGSTERS
8. MARTIN EASTMENT WINNING THE DAY 18lbs 5ozs
9. PETER BURDETT WITH BEST FISH 4lb 3oz
10. LAST BUT NOT LEAST A GREAT DAY HAD BY ALL



YOU POSER

Mr Treasurer

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LUNCH TIME FOR ALL



YUMMY FOOD

THANKS

BREAKFAST FOR MEMBERS



Kevin and Mike deep in thought!!



Day captains report By Geoff Brooks

I was pleased to agree to do a follow up of our day out last year with the Young Anglers Club. Pleased for them, but more so, that our members and, I could appreciate the chance to put something back into our sport, and also give us the opportunity of a different balance to our day, where catching fish was almost secondary – Thank you St Michael Flyfishers.

The Program – **Morning Session:** After the usual great breakfast in the Lechlade Lodge we invited members to fish using the donated fly boxes with a selection of nymphs, which hopefully would even things out; suit the potential of Bushyleaze lake; and prove the power of a more imitative approach. The early forecast soon brightened into a sunny day, although the brisk NW wind persisted throughout making life pretty difficult on the lodge bank – so it was not surprising that most success came with the comfort of the far bank, and the inclusion of a Montana nymph in the box was a widely chosen banker used in a good ripple with fish moving near the surface.. The promised Mayfly hatch did appear near midday – but not in large numbers and not enough to really turn the fish onto them, but so nice to watch them anyway!

Lunch & the **AFTERNOON SESSION**, joined by thirteen Young Anglers, from Angus Campbell's club, and two other young guests – some already into fishing, but most complete novices, and paired off with a SMFF member after their lunch, briefing, and fitted out with their rods; they headed off to the best locations – on the far bank of course, plus Mums, Dads and, Guardians. Notable efforts included both my son, and my grandson Bracken catching their first ever Trout – David Broome returning four trout with his young student, and 14 year old Jake and his foster father Pat; guests of Mike Stephens enjoying their first day with SMFF.

REFLECTION. Reports back to me said the youngsters were so polite, and enthusiastic, and really well deserved the presentation of their Certificates, and GoodyBags to finish off their day. For them an insight into a different opportunities, whilst it gave us what we had hoped for – **NICE DAY - GOOD FOOD - NEW FRIENDS - NEW EXPERIENCES.**

Finally my thanks to Angus Campbell, Glasgow Angling Centre supports SMFF initiative, and supplied all the Goody bags, Baker Street Nomads for the fly boxes, gift books, rod and reel, Michael Littlestone for the catering, and admin for the day, Tim and his staff from Lechlade, and our Committee for making the day possible.

Geoff Brooks President St Michael Fly Fishers



Next Event John O Gaunt Sat June 20th



*Hard Fighting Rainbows
and some Big Browns
waiting to be caught*

*Set in the Test Valley, a venue well known to all of us, this outing promises a good days sport for everyone.
With plenty of Mayfly in abundance it should be a lot of fun.*

BREAKFAST 8AM

THE CROWN INN

KINGS SOMBORNE SO20 6PW

Meet at the Crown for the customary breakfast at 8am. Then it's off to the lakes for what I am sure will be a great days fishing. Remember the facilities are minimal so bring plenty to drink, and lunch if you don't intend to come back to the pub for a bite, and a beer. I was there last Saturday with Croxley Green Fly Fishers. Started fishing at 9.15, and bagged up at 10am. All on a black buzzer. Mayfly nymphs also caught, even dry fly produced results. I will e mail you the costs etc a week before. If any members have not yet said they are coming please let me know ASAP so I can confirm numbers.