

MARCH 2019

Day Captain: VIC HOLLOWAY



# St Michael Fly Fishers Match Report

## DUNCTON MILL

### DAY CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Well being my first trouting trip out for 2019, the day started with a fine spring morning drive across country to Duncton via Fernhurst, Midhurst and Petworth. Upon arrival had my hand almost crushed during the warm welcome that other club members provided upon seeing me for the first time in some four months. A very timely reminder as to quite why I joined on the first place. Thanks gents it's great to be back.

After my Day Captain's waffle, the fishery manager Martin disclosed that all four lakes were well stocked, and what's more, with a good proportion of brownies. Further more one of the most successful methods had been buzzer fishing just below the surface. What more can I say Montana fished deep seemed to be taking fish whilst I stayed on the old faithful ! None the less members did take fish on buzzer - it can't be me can it !?!

None the less with chiff chaff's singing, spotted woodpeckers drumming, a sole brimstone fluttering past and ( naturally) Joe's drone buzzing overhead at times -where else on earth to be ?

The hard facts and figures show that the club again enjoyed a fine days sport with the trout. However one just cannot convey the beauty of a spring day spent at the foot of the Glorious South Downs in numbers and weights of fish caught - especially when my buzzer was gobbled up by just the one ( well it was a BROWNIE) !

Thanks friends.

Soooo look forward to the next time. ( As the kids say )

*Vic Holloway* Day captain



## SECRETARY'S REPORT

A great turnout at Duncton Mill with 22 attending. We were delighted to see Lou Fine, a past member, who came as Geoff's guest, and hope he enjoyed the day.

Our thanks to Caroline, and Martin who looked after us so well with the usual excellent breakfast, and afternoon tea. Although the average fish size was around one, and a half pounds, they most certainly fought well, and provided excellent sport. The results of the day can be found under the members section on our website. The fish of the day was a superb Brown of 5lb 3ozs caught by Terry Burgess who also won a trophy for the best bag, which will be presented at our AGM.

On the subject of our AGM on December 7<sup>th</sup>, it has been decided this will now be held at Avon Springs where we can be sure of having the numbers to ensure exclusive use of the fishery.

A couple of members asked why we weighed in at 3.30 which they felt was too early.

Two reasons, firstly we had the afternoon tea, and secondly as it was around 4.30 when proceedings ended most had a 90 minute drive back home. However with the longer days now coming we will fish later, and I would remind you if you have not caught your limit by the time we weigh in there is always the opportunity to carry on fishing afterwards, just let a committee member know you are staying on.

My thanks to those who assisted at the weigh in as our day captain Vic had to leave early.

I look forward to seeing you all again at Avon Springs on the 27<sup>th</sup> April.

*Michael Littlestone*

Club Secretary



### End of day results

**Winner Best bag of the day Terry Burgess  
4 fish 10lbs 1 oz**

**Biggest Fish .....Terry Burgess  
With a super brown of 5lbs 3oz**

Secret weight Iain Laws for a brown @ 2lbs 2ozs

**Number of anglers 22 Number of fish caught 63**

**Raffle Draw  
Day Ticket Duncton Mill ..... Michael Littlestone  
£30 toward Travel cost .... Martin Eastment  
Bottle of Port .... Bez Sahani**





### St MICHAEL FLY FISHERS

Congratulations are in order for our oldest member, Eddie Edwards (*pictured*) who recently celebrated his 96th Birthday.

**THANK YOU LETTER** A note from Eddie who asked for it to be published in this Match Report.

*Dear All,  
Sorry I could not get to Dunton Mill as I had intended. Things happened which caused me to change my plans. My thanks for your good wishes for my 96th Birthday which were very much appreciated. I hope to see you all at the next event if my state of repair stays in good condition.  
Best wishes, and tight lines,  
Eddie Edwards*

Our thoughts and best wishes go to Carl for a speedy recovery. Carl is undergoing an operation and will have had surgery by the time this report is on the web site.

