



Colwick FFC Taster Day - Sunday 5th April 2009

Blessed with perfect weather conditions, a light westerly wind made learning to cast a little easier for beginners. The sun was too bright for the fish though and they were not being so kind!

We started at 9.30am with half a dozen people, and three more came through the day. To start off with Keith Prowting talked about safety whilst fishing, and briefly demonstrated how to cast. Then each person had a go at casting on grass along with the help of club members.

After a break for a drink we all watched Dave Cammiss tie flies. Most people were mesmerised by this. Go to www.learnflytying.co.uk.

Then to the water with barbless hooks and hopefully to catch a fish.

After lunch several people had to leave, and we continued with the remaining enthusiasts. Josh had a couple of pulls and Dave had one; both had a chance to play a fish as also did Wendy with a fish hooked by Keith Prowting who used a longer leader more suitable to the conditions on the day. Later Josh played 2 more, one on a small gold head damselfly and another on a Diawl Bach.

A big thank you to Malcolm Colebourne and the wardens at Colwick for making this day possible, to Dave Cammiss with his Fly tying Kit, and most of all to our kind helpers who gave up their day.

I very much hope CFFC will be able to repeat such events and trust newcomers will get in touch with the Club for help when needed.

Rosemary Gunn.

