

# Fisherton de la Mere



# WELCOME TO FISHERTON DE LA MERE

*Dear Angler,*

*Welcome to Fisherton de la Mere! By now I hope you are settled and relaxed, reading this with a cup of coffee in hand. Here is a summary of the fishing and what to expect; have a lovely day.*

## THE RIVER WYLYE

The River Wylye is considered one of the most unspoilt of all the southern chalkstreams, flowing through a series of quintessentially English villages, where it seems eight out of every ten houses are thatched.

The Wylye rises 5 miles south of Warminster and flows north to the town; this uppermost reach is sometimes referred to as 'The Deverill Brook'. Turning westward, it flows for another 16 miles to join the Nadder just below Wilton, shortly before the latter reaches the Avon at Salisbury. So to be pedantic, the Wylye is a tributary of the Nadder rather than the Avon as commonly supposed. Fisherton de la Mere is pretty well at the mid-point between the source and confluence.

In the 1970's this beat achieved some national fame as it was regularly featured on Oliver Kite's TV show. So if you want to pay a small homage to him tie on his creation the Kite's Imperial, an all purpose olive imitation.



**Oliver Kite**

## THE FISHING

This is a brief synopsis that I will hope give you a better idea of what to expect, where to go, the best tactics and so on. As you will have gathered this is a single beat, reserved for just one Rod or two friends sharing so you will be in splendid isolation.

Setting out from the rod room you have a couple of options; which you choose depends largely on whether you will be wading. If you are wading follow the track (marked red on the map) to the start of the beat by the brick bridge. The fishing on the bend is best taken from the bank but once on the straight get into the river. From here to the pool is good for small, wild fish and you should see the conservation works with woody debris that were done a few years ago.

Once you reach the neck of the pool you will discover the various options to go left, right or along the gravel bar in the middle. When you are done exit to the left. If you are not wading best to cross the iron bridge and walk down to as close to the start of the beat as you can.

Looking upstream from the iron bridge may fish ish the right-hand side as you look upstream. The trees on the left bank are good holding spots. The river bed is quite dark and the water deepish so it will take a little while to get your eyes accustomed to spotting the fish. Just below the bridge in front of the house is a famously good spot.



From the garden cross over the bridge and continue to the end of the beat on the left hand bank through the water meadow. Plenty of cover on the opposite bank is a good place to pick up fish.

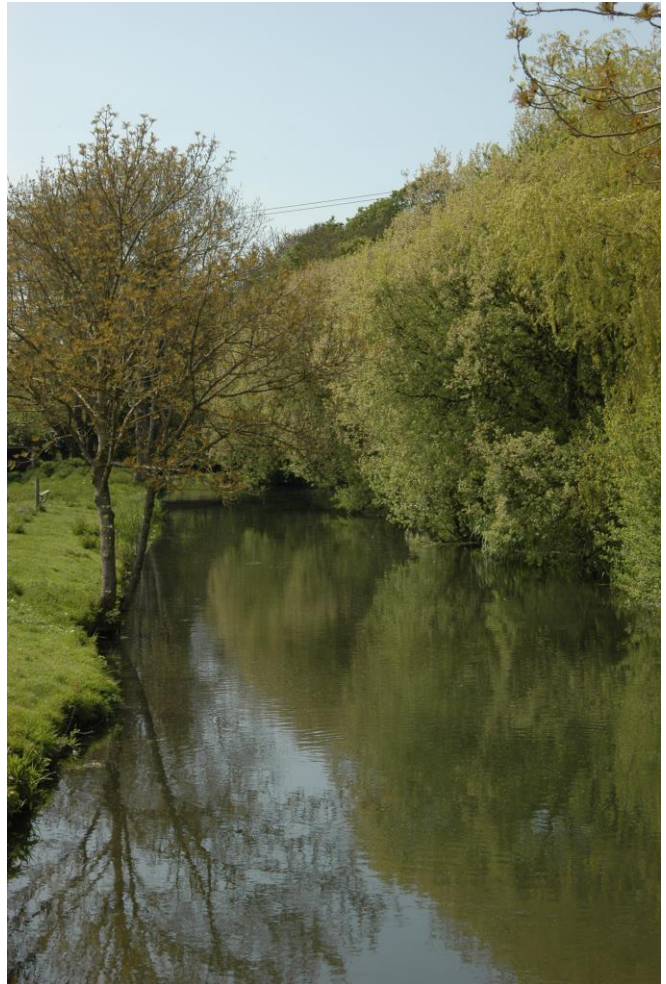
If you want a quick route back to the rod room, use the door in the wall to the end of the Dower House.



**Kites Imperial**

### Places to Eat

- The Bell Inn, Wylve (1 mile) 01985 248338. Closed Tuesdays. [www.bellinnwylve.co.uk](http://www.bellinnwylve.co.uk)
- The Prince Leopold, Upton Lovell (1 mile) 01985 850460. Closed Mondays. [www.princeleopold.co.uk](http://www.princeleopold.co.uk)
- Warminster (9 miles) – bustling market town with plenty of pubs, shops and restaurants



### Local stores

- Budgens, New Road, Codford BA12 0NS (3 miles)

### Places to visit

- Stonehenge – 9 miles
- Longleat Safari & Adventure Park – 14 miles
- Stourhead National Trust house and gardens – 18 miles.

I will be sending you an email in a few days time so if you have a spare minute to give us some feedback from your visit it would be really appreciated.

I hope that you have a great day with us at Fisherton de la Mere and that we see you another day.

Tight Lines!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Simon". The signature is stylized with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

**Simon Cooper**  
**Fishing Breaks Founder & Managing Director**

**Emergency**

The postal address is:

**The Dower House, Fisherton de la Mere, Warminster, Wiltshire BA12 0PZ**

**Doctors surgery**

Orchard Surgery, Codford St Mary, BA12 0PN 01985 850298

Out of Hours

111 or 999

**Local hospital**

Salisbury District Hospital, Odstock Road, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP2 8BJ

01722 336262

**Chemist**

The Co-operative Pharmacy, 10 The Cornmarket, Warminster, Wiltshire BA12 9BX

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