

WEST WILTS FLYFISHERS GUILD



Members of the Wild Trout Trust

Website: <http://wwffg.t15.org/>

MAY 2016 NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 11th May - Guild Meeting

Guest speaker - David Cram - 'Tales of fish and fishing from around the world'.

David gave a fascinating illustrated presentation on his time as a government Whaling Inspector in Antarctica. This was in the early 1960's and David was newly graduated with a degree in Zoology with an exceptional thirst for adventure. The job was on a whaling station in South Georgia where Shackleton had travelled, half a world away from home and had been his mother's idea!

Although half a century ago, David's memories were as clear as if he had just returned and for an hour he immersed us in tales of whalers, glaciers, macaroni penguins, killer whales, minkie whales and more.

The mark of a good speaker is one who generates lots of interest and David certainly achieved that concluding with his view, gained from his experiences, that 'conservation' with controlled hunting of whales maintains a balanced population - whereas 'protection' would result in over-population. A very educative and entertaining talk and made more than a few of us think we had perhaps been a little conservative in our first job choices.

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CHEW CUP 2016 COMPETITION RESULTS.....



Jon Jonik.....8 fish.....19½ lbs. Wins the Cup.

2nd Colin Burbedge.....8 fish.....17lbs.

3rdCharles Freemantle...6 fish....14½ lbs.

Heaviest trout caught by **Maurice Dyer** . A handsome brownie of 3lbs.12ozs.
Maurice wins a bottle of good old fishing plonk.

Congratulations to all our fishermen
Pictured below. Photos by Gerry B.

Maurice with Brownie



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SKITTLES EVENING

"April 22nd saw the 2016 Guild Skittles Evening take place at the White Hart in Atworth. Nine members and six guests attended, and a good time was enjoyed by all. Two teams competed for the usual prize of choccies, and the individual prizes of bottles of plonk for top scores by a lady and a gentleman were won by Shirley West and Bryan Hussey. Shirley was gamely bowling whilst recovering from an ankle injury, and used her NHS crutch to stabilise her aim with great effect, whilst Jed was on standby to hand her the bowls!"

Malcolm

River Frome - 'Any method' Open Week June 24 - 30th

The Background....

In recent years the fishing effort and catch returns have both fallen which questions if it is sensible to continue stocking. There are regular sightings of otters and cormorants which are a concern but we do have anecdotal evidence from the coarse fisherman that stocked trout are being caught, however we need more information regarding where the stocked fish are holding up. Our aim during this week is to invite all members, i.e. not just the River members, to fish our stretch (not just the 'fly only' section) using any legal method and record where and what species are caught and by what method. The information gained will contribute to the discussions at the November Rivers meeting regarding stocking for 2017. This invitation will be extended to the coarse fisherman who normally are not permitted to fish the 'fly only' stretch during the trout season.

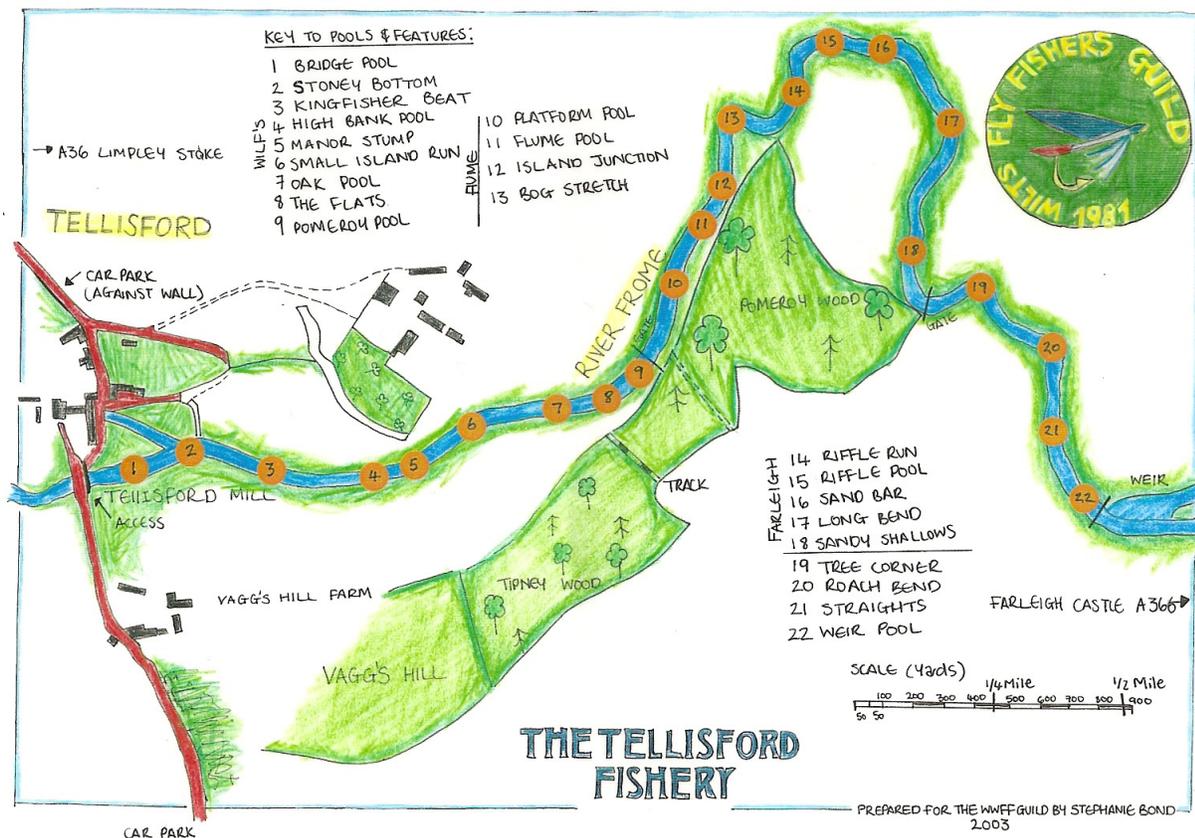
All of us now use email and I expect everybody to email me their return as soon after their visit as possible. I won't provide a proforma return as it will make it easier to send the information to me. Up to two guests per visit are permitted which might also introduce potential new members.

Below is a copy of the beat map to help identify the beats.

Jon Jonik

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A SELECTION of MAYFLIES



Dry Mayfly Flies

Grey Wulff - The Grey Wulff is a versatile year round fly but is most commonly used as mayfly dun pattern. The Brown Drake, Green Drake, and the Grey Drake Mayfly patterns have large wings and can be gently floated onto the water.

They are more difficult to cast with the large wings but can be used to great effect. The Lively Mayfly and the Mayfly Parachute are great for use when trout can be easily startled. Local patterns such as Sweet William, a Nidderdale pattern, has proved deadly on different rivers. Finally Duck's Dun is another excellent pattern, dressed with the under hackles cut so the body of the fly sits on the water - this is another great fly to use when mayfly abound.

Drowned Mayfly Patterns

With their limited lifespan mayflies die and float down the water where trout pick them off in great numbers, effective patterns include Olive Drowned Mayfly and Lunns Spent Mayfly.



Finally Foam Mayfly Patterns

The Foam Crippled Mayfly is a final alternative fly for use in this mad time for fisherman.

How about trying Ducks Dun Dry Fly Mayfly & Blue-Winged Olives Imitation? (Tongue twister or what!)

This Ducks Dun fly pattern is tied in its original olive and cream, but variants make it a great all round Mayfly & Blue-Winged Olives pattern. The Duck's Dun was specifically designed to give a superb profile and sit body down in the water as its hackles are deliberately cut on the bottom half. This makes the hook shank or body of the fly sit on the water giving a superb fly silhouette from below for fish. Traditional hackled flies can sit toe up in the water giving a less natural feel to the fly.



LOOKING FORWARD.....

Last week in June - Open to all Guild Members - come and fish the River Frome.
See article on page 3.

Wednesday July 13th - Fullingbridge Farm - Fishing and Annual Barbeque.



ON (fishing) LINE USA

Shocked tourists got more than they bargained for when a dolphin leapt out of the ocean and landed in the middle of their boat.

The group, who were dolphin watching off the coast of Mexico, were amazed when the sea mammal started frantically flipping around on deck.

In an incredible video clip, two men are later seen climbing aboard from a nearby dingy and scooping up the dolphin, then releasing it back into the water.

Control and click.....

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yz6ax4rRvI>

Beachgoers caught a rare glimpse of an endangered Smalltooth Sawfish on Florida's gulf coast.

The sawfish, a species of shark, sometimes called a Carpenter Fish, was snagged in Naples Florida, off of the Naples pier.

The massive animal was too large for the unidentified fisherman to pull up.

Instead he towed the line to the shore and with the help of other fishermen pulled in the sawfish as a crowd looked on in wonder.

Control and click.....

<https://youtu.be/6wspyIV7Mvc>



FISHING TACKLE AUCTION

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 12th 2016 - GUILD MEETING

‘Master of Ceremonies’ - Mr Chris Winsor

Chris needs to log details of your tackle offered for Auction.

If you have anything to sell, a form can be obtained from Chris at the June 8th Guild Meeting or you can contact him by e-mail.

Please state whether the proceeds (or part of) are to be donated to Guild Funds. There will be a 20% commission charge.

Chris will also need to know if there is to be a price reserve on your items.

Final entries must be received by 14th September (at the Guild Meeting)

Please contact Chris for more information, to request a form or to send your completed details; to:

"Chris Winsor WWFFG" <chris.winsor@btinternet.com>

Thank You.

16.00hrs Tuesday 17th May 2016

Chris Winsor's first day out for the season at
Chew Valley Lake Reservoir



Chris with his 7pounder The Brownie tipped the scales at seven pounds! Total haul for the day

I had a good morning drifting on a 10 -12 mph (lumpy) SW wind with mostly cloud cover from the yacht club slipway down to the dam wall. Keeping close to the bank I picked up 5 fish (missing several others) using my 9ft 5wt Greys XF2 Streamflex rod and a yellow sink tip line, attached to a 12ft leader of nylon Orvis 8.5lb Superstrong with 2 droppers and retrieved very slowly. Most fish took the top dropper which was a black plastic buzzer with red gills. The point and other droppers were Diawl Bachs. Incidentally my fishing partner used a floating line and fluorocarbon leader and caught nothing - though using same or similar flies!!!.

After a late lunch we moved up to Villice Bay to get out of the wind and drizzle. Using the



same tactics and tackle we continued the drift down towards the Woodford Lodge. The big fish was hooked as we drifted out of Villice Bay. This was the only one we caught up there. At first I thought it was a pike as it kept down and just powered away - so I knew it was large. Eventually it came to the boat and after despatch I saw it was very lightly hooked on the top lip on the point fly, which was an olive and copper Diawl Bach. My Brown Trout was 25" long, weighing 7.00 lbs - my largest fish ever by at least 2lb. Me Very Happy! *Chris*

Imitating Maggots or Caenis Pupa

Use Okey Dokey Flies



HAPPY FISHING....BOB

PS.....ON-LINE (again)

This is INTERESTING, especially if you enjoy an afternoon stroll.....
However it has nothing to do with fishing!

This is undoubtedly the closest any of us will ever get to the top of Mt. Everest.
KEEP AN EYE ON THE ELEVATION, LEFT SIDE OF YOUR COMPUTER SCREEN,
AND THEN MOVE THE MOUSE WHEN YOU GET TO THE TOP TO SEE A
PANORAMIC VIEW.

Its almost like being there and there's a 360 degree view from the top!

<http://everestavalanchetragedy.com/mt-everest-journey.html>

How To Maintain A Healthy Level Of Insanity in RETIREMENT...

- At lunch time, sit in your parked car with sunglasses on, point a hair dryer at passing cars, and watch them slow down!
- When the money comes out of the ATM, scream 'I Won! I Won!'
- Sing along at The Opera.
- With a serious face, order a Diet Water whenever you go out to eat.
- When leaving the Zoo, start running towards the car park, yelling, 'Run For Your Lives! They're Loose!'

And The Final Way To Keep A Healthy Level Of Insanity:

- Go to a large Department store's fitting room, drop your drawers to your ankles and yell out, "There's no paper in here!"