

West Wilts Fly Fishers Guild
Meeting Wednesday 11th September 2019 - 7.30pm Shaw Hotel

Part 1

Present:

Jon Jonik, Alan Kerr, Roger Henderson, Tim Pullen, Gerry Barnes, Ged West, Al Logan, John De Cesare.

1. Apologies:

Malcolm Bond, John Sheppard, Charles Freemantle, Colin Burbedge, Robert Eadie, Mike Brewin

2) Minutes of May Guild meeting and Matters Arising

Accepted without amendment. No matters arising.

3) New members update:

The six new members over the summer were warmly welcomed to the Guild

4) Review of summer events:

i) Hawkridge reservoir, Somerset - social fishing day Wed 12th June

This was a very successful and enjoyable outing with plenty of fish caught. It was agreed Hawkridge is an excellent venue and well worth a return visit.

ii) Chew Boat day for 'The Chew Boat Cup' Wed 10th July

On a very hot sunny day the fishing was mixed - so special congratulations to Robert Eadie for his bag of 7 (6 more than anyone else!) weighing 18lb 5oz winning him the Chew Boat Trophy.

Thanks to Jon for organising.

It was proposed and agreed that next year we fish an afternoon / evening session

iii) Bushyleaze Fishery, Lechlade Wed 14th August

This was cancelled because the lake was closed due to the prolonged period of hot weather and the fish being stressed. Around this time Chew and Farmoor reservoirs were at 21C. The lake remains closed as the current temp is around 17C. It will not be re-opened until temp drops below 15C.

5) Forthcoming Guild events:

i) October meeting - guest speaker

Our guest speaker will be Morris Avant of Wiltshire Butterfly & Moth society. His topic will be 'Wiltshire Butterflies & Moths'.

ii) November meeting

This will incorporate the annual River Frome review of the season.

Please send Angler Returns to Roger Henderson - email rogerhenderson@hotmail.com

The Angler Returns form is on our website.

Al Logan will be giving a talk on 'Wild Fowling'.

iii) Guild Dinner in Friday 15th November.

Jon will email the menu to members. The Committee has agreed that each person will be given a £10 subsidy.

6) Guild insurance update

Jon (as acting Treasurer) informed the meeting that The Angling Trust has changed insurance broker. Our policy is unaffected - Guild members taking part in officially organised Guild activities or functions have 3rd party liability cover.

7) Open Forum

There was a very lively and wide ranging discussion on a range of topics.

Of particular note were:

- The stocking on Wed 28th August - thanks to Jon, Al, Robert & Colin
- The Environment Agency electro fishing on beats 6 to 8 on 29th August.
- The superb 17" brown trout Jon had caught at Tellisford earlier in the week.
- The return of Salmon + congratulations to Charles F, David L & John De C

AOB

- i) The Big Guild raffle was launched - £1 a ticket. To be drawn at Guild Dinner
- ii) Wilts Game Fair at Bowood 28th & 29th September
- iii) Trophies - any claims for heaviest Stillwater Rainbow or Stillwater Brown or River Brown please send photos to Roger - email above

Meeting ended 9.30pm

To see Minutes of past meetings visit our website: www.westwiltsflyfishersguild.com

