

West Wilts Fly Fishers Guild
Meeting Wednesday 9th October 2019 - 7.30pm Shaw Hotel

Part 1

Guest speaker - Maurice Avent (member of Wiltshire Butterfly & Moth Conservation).

Maurice gave an impassioned and fascinating presentation on the ups and downs & extraordinary beauty of the UK's Butterfly & Moth population. He described the environmental pressures, national surveys conducted and the extraordinary efforts being made to provide special habitats for species in danger.

Part 2

Present:

Jon Jonik, Roger Henderson, Tim Pullen, Colin Burbedge, Robert Eadie, Gerry Barnes, Al Logan, Neil Soni, John De Cesare, David Little, Paul R-Hunt, Ray Buckley-Humpries,

1. Apologies:

Ged West, Alan Kerr, Malcolm Bond, Maurice Dyer, George Cantello, Richard & William Arney

2) Minutes of September Guild meeting and Matters Arising

Accepted without amendment. No matters arising.

3) November mtg Wed 13th including: River Frome review of the season

River Frome fishing returns to Roger please by the end of October so the data can be collated for the report.

Al will be giving a talk on 'wildfowling'.

4) Guild Dinner Friday 15th November.

To confirm - the menu was emailed to members on 24th September. Anyone who hasn't received it please email Roger for a re-send.

Our annual Dinner is always a superb evening - excellent food and good fun with the ice-breaker table quiz and judging of the photo competition.

Jon and Sarah have kindly offered to decorate the room.

5) Christmas Hamper competition Sun 1st December at Manningford Fishery

Several members confirmed they will be taking part. Alan will email members with details.

6) Forward planning for our 2020 programme

It was agreed we should arrange a social fishing day at Wollaston Court Fishery near Chepstow, after hearing AL's description of his recent experience there. Al kindly agreed to contact the fishery for details and to arrange the day for the Spring

AOB

- i) Members were asked which flies they had found most productive during the year. It was decided that all Guild members should be asked to help inform our fishing in 2020. Roger will ask Members to name their top three flies of 2019, river or stillwater.
- ii) Thanks to Ray B-H for donating flies he had tied to the evening raffle and Paul R-H for donating a rod holdall to the big raffle to be drawn at the Guild Dinner on 15th Nov.

Meeting ended 9.30pm

Date of next meeting - Wednesday 13th November

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