

## West Wilts Fly Fishers Guild

Meeting Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020 - 7.30pm Shaw Hotel

### Present:

Jon Jonik, Alan Kerr, Ged West, Roger Henderson, Tim Pullen, Andy Greatwood, Gerry Barnes, John Sheppard, Malcolm Bond, Peter Marshall-Bailey, Richard Cripps, Robin Sewell, Bryan Hussey, Neil Soni.

Guests: Francis Ash, David Edwards

#### 1. Apologies:

Charles Freemantle, Colin Burbedge, Russell Bond.

#### 2. Minutes of November 2019 Guild meeting and matters arising.

Accepted without amendment. No matters arising

#### 3. Review of Guild events:

##### i) Guild Dinner Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Nov

This was well supported and a thoroughly enjoyable evening. The hotel was thanked for a superb meal. Jon was thanked for organising the evening and Sarah for festively decorating the room and tables. Mary Eadie was thanked for again putting together an excellent table quiz.

##### ii) Christmas Hamper competition Manningford Fishery Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec

Ten members took part and everyone caught. Congratulations to Gerry Barnes who had the heaviest bag at 10lbs 2oz and was presented with the Christmas Hamper. Robin Sewell won the bottle of wine for his 4lbs 13oz Rainbow.

Alan was thanked for organising the day.

#### 4. Annual General Meeting Wednesday Feb 13<sup>th</sup>

The election of the Committee will take place at the AGM. Jon pointed out that the Committee needs another member, possibly to fill the role of Treasurer which Jon currently does alongside that of acting Chairman.

NB - any member interested in joining the Committee to help run the Guild should contact Jon Jonik - email [jfjonik@gmail.com](mailto:jfjonik@gmail.com).

The trophies won during 2019 season will be presented at the AGM.

NB see the Guild website for list of trophy winners.

Roger will distribute advance notice of the AGM Agenda.

#### 5. River Frome bank management Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February

Meeting on Tellisford Packhorse bridge at 9.00am and working until approx. 1pm but all help greatly appreciated so members are asked to come when they can and leave when they need to. The aim will be to clear debris left by the winter floods - litter etc, clear paths of obstacles - branches, brambles etc and remove over-arching branches etc. Roger will email members nearer the date.

#### 6. 2020 Programme

Jon went through the 2020 Programme (available on our website). Points raised:

- i) Malcolm will email members about organising a skittles evening in March
- ii) The committee will discuss the possibility of organising an 'All Methods' fishing session on The Frome, in the summer.

## **7. Membership renewal process**

Alan will email subscription renewal details to all members. Subs are due by the end of February. The subscription rates are the same as 2019 - Guild only - £40, Joint - £45, Guild and River - £80, Junior (under 18) - Free, Coarse - £60

Membership cards will be distributed at the February meeting.

Members are asked to contact Alan ASAP if they are changing their membership e.g. from just Guild to Guild & River so that membership card details can be changed.

## **8. AOB**

- i) Alan pointed out that to access the website members must search for - West Wilts Fly Fishers Guild and NOT just WWFFG.

## **Part 2 - Fly-Tying**

This was the first of two fly-tying sessions which Andy Greatwood has kindly agreed to lead. Most members had brought their fly-tying kits so after Andy's demos had a go. It was a very informative and enjoyable start to the year. Andy was thanked by members.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> session will be on Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Feb after the AGM business meeting.

## **Next Meeting and Annual General Meeting - Wednesday 12th February 2020**

This will include our second fly-tying session when Andy will demonstrate tying a Mayfly nymph and a dry fly.

