

WEST WILTS FLYFISHERS GUILD



Members of the Wild Trout Trust

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

OCTOBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

Next Guild Meeting - November 11th. Andreas Topintzis from Salisbury AC will address us on the subject of 'Restoring & Maintaining Salisbury Club Rivers'

Guild 'Christmas Hamper Competition' - Sunday 18th October

Our Guild Membership is around 50 Members, so what a shame that only 5 Members came to support the Club! Possibly a reason for this was the World Rugby Cup Tournament!

The day was mild with a slight breeze running across Kingfisher Lake and dragonflies were still in the air darting along the rushes. The fish were fairly obliging and after an hour I retired with 3 fine, fin perfect and for stockies, good quality trout.

Alan, after catching his first trout, kept it fresh, as we do, in a bass bag at the side of the lake. He was battling against a huge signal crayfish which kept darting out from under the bank and having a nibble at his catch!

Lake owners Barbara and Andre have stocked some big fish ranging from 3lbs to 7lbs. One big fish splashed nearby as we chatted, was it an otter? No, thank goodness!

Charles caught a very nice Rainbow of over 4lbs. on his very last cast of the day. All 5 Members enjoyed the Competition and it was good to meet and have a chat, which is the whole reason for our Outings. The Montana seemed to be the successful fly, especially if it had a red thorax and silver head!

THE RESULTS.....

1st....Robert Eadie, winning the Hamper with a total weight of 12lbs.

(A hat trick by the way!)

2nd....Charles Freemantle.....10lbs.4ozs.

3rd....Chris Holt.....9lbs.4ozs.

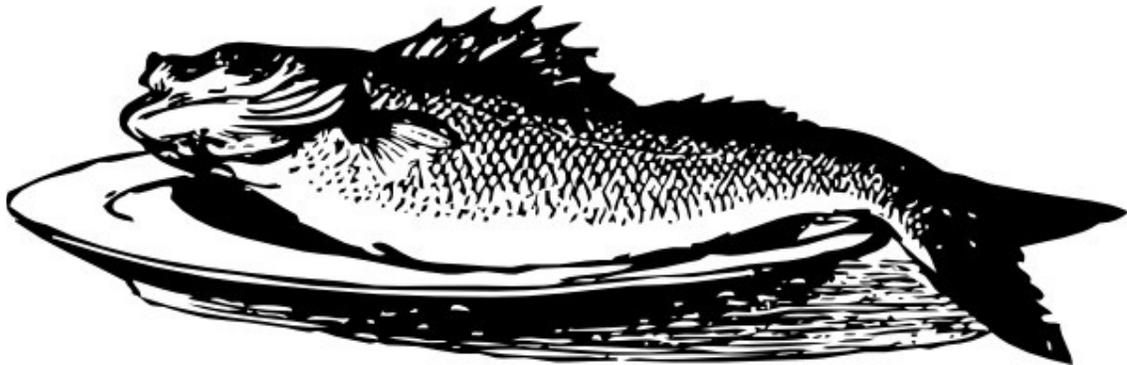
Heaviest Rainbow of 4lbs.12ozs. was caught by Rob who also wins the bottle of 'fishing plonk'.



Charles landing his first fish



Gerry with one of his fine trout



The WWFFG Annual Dinner will be held at the Shaw Country Hotel and Restaurant, Bath Road, Nr. Melksham, Wilts., SN12 8EF, on Friday 20th November, 2015, 7.30 p.m. for 8.00p.m.

The format of the evening will be as in previous years. There will be a three course meal with a glass of wine, a table quiz, a fishing raffle and a general raffle. The cost of the tickets is £30 each.

A menu follows this announcement. Please send your menu choices for yourself and your guests together with your cheque to our treasurer **Stephen Keys, 16 Belfry Drive, Hullavington, SN14 6QW** by **Monday 9th November, 2015**. Please make your cheques payable to **WWFFG**.

This has been a popular and a well-attended dinner in previous years and we are confident that it will be well supported this year.

I look forward to seeing as many members as possible on the 20th.

Mike Harris, WWFFG Chairman.

West Wilts Fly Fishers' Guild Annual Dinner, Shaw Hotel, Melksham, Friday
20th November, 2015, 7.30 p.m. for 8.00 p.m.

Starters

Homemade Soup of the Day

Baked Large Portobello Mushroom

Filled with Spinach, Sweet Caramelised Red Onion and Goats Cheese
served on a Tomato and Basil Sauce

Crab and Avocado

Partnered by a Rocket and Fennel Salad

Ribbons of Sweet Melon

Centred with Parma Ham and Black Pepper

Toasted Muffin with Smoked Salmon

Crowned with Poached Egg and glazed with a Traditional Hollandaise Sauce

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Main Courses

Roasted Rump of Lamb

Accompanied by a Sweet Mint and Red Wine Jus

Pan Fried Fillet of Sea Bass

Presented on a White Wine and Watercress Cream Sauce

Breast of Chicken

Marinated in Garlic, Lemon and Mixed Herbs presented on a Mixed Bean and
Chorizo Stew
garnished with a Parmesan Wafer

Roast Winter Vegetable Stew

Topped with a Buttery Sweet Potato Mash
Finished with Grated Nutmeg

The main courses are all served with a selection of potatoes and fresh vegetables

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Desserts

Fresh Fruit Salad

Vanilla Panna Cotta

accompanied by Caramelised Banana with Dark Rum and Cinnamon

Orange Bread and Butter Pudding

Made with Brioche partnered by Custard
Raspberry and White Chocolate Eton Mess

Ice Cream or Sorbet

Cheese and Biscuits

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Filter Coffee



ON LINE....



Hilarious moment fisherman hooks his fish, slips and capsizes his boat <http://dailym.ai/1MykUeF>@MailOnline

Archery & BBQ - Sunday 13th September

Ruth and Brian Thornton, once again very kindly treated the WWFFG to a 'BBQ and Archery' afternoon on their farm. They are so hospitable, and provide all cutlery and crockery, tasty salads and dressings. There was a very interesting array of food on the BBQs, steaks, burgers, sausages, chops, sweetcorn...quite a revelation. It was grand to chat round the coals, then to sit in the sun (or shade) to enjoy the feast.

Ruth and Brian also provide desserts! My Goodness the summer pudding especially was absolutely gorgeous!

Over to the 'lists' for a bit of target practice. Our Instructors offered different types of bows which made it even more interesting. Some Archers really show a natural flair, hitting target after target, some 'also rans' needed ALL the help possible and still manage to skewer the grass! This is a really wonderful and fun event.

Thank You Ruth and Brian. And to the Expert Archers extraordinaire!



What's cooking?



Aiming High!

Andy Moore for his quick presence of mind in recording an Otter on his phone recently on our River Frome at the 'Flume Pool'

To view this short movie, please check out our Guild Website and go to the 'Frome' page and scroll down.

RIVER RETURNS

Guild River Members are requested to send in their fishing catch returns to Roger for the River Frome and to Malcolm for the Devon Rivers - thank you.

The returns (including nil returns please) will be collated for the Rivers Meeting on Thursday 5th November.

CALLING ALL CUPS

Could all the Cups and Trophies presented to winning Members at the AGM earlier this year be returned to Roger at the NOVEMBER Meeting at the latest please. They need to be re-inscribed, polished and ready for presentation to the 2015 winners at the AGM in February 2016. Thanks.

LOOKING FORWARD.....

November 5th. Thursday. Guild Rivers Meeting at 7:30pm at the Hotel.

November 11th Guild Meeting.

Friday 20th November. The Guild Dinner at 7:30pm for 8:00pm at the Shaw Country House Hotel.

December - There are no fixed meetings or social outings in December.

The first Guild Meeting of 2016 is Wednesday January 13th
This will also be our 'Annual Quiz Night'.

Fly-Tying - nothing quite beats catching a fish on a fly YOU have tied. In recent years the Guild has run fly-tying sessions in **January - three evening sessions spread over three weeks**. If you would be interested please let Roger know asap.



This course is intended for all levels of fly-tying experience including complete novices with no equipment or materials.

Annual Raffle to be drawn at the Guild Dinner - tickets will be on sale at the November meetings - £1 each for 'tackle vouchers'.



Flies for October



Important flies for October are: corixa, black midge, shrimp and stonefly. Also worth considering for stillwater fishing are pale watery dun and iron blue dun along with sedges and shrimps.

Running Water Recommendations

If you are able to fish the Rivers then these are the flies for you just now: olive dun and a brown coloured sedge.

But if the water is slow moving then try the pale evening dun or a small brown stonefly (also available in a bead head)

Fishing Dry Flies For Grayling



Choosing a dry fly for grayling is not difficult. If there are naturals in the air simply *match the hatch*, however flies that are really good for grayling include the Red Tag and Klinkhammer's. The Black Magic range of flies are absolutely deadly in all their colours, to match the hatching insects.



Klinkhammers represent the freshwater shrimp.

DRAGON FLY (looks like a fairy to me!)



Our 2015 Guild Photograph Competition is open to all Members. Please submit a recent photo, of anything (loosely) to do with fishing to robert.is@trouthooker.net for inclusion (to see the photos so far, go to the 'home' page and follow the link on our website). This is a light hearted competition, so 'have a go'! You can give the photo a title if you wish, but all will be displayed anonymously. So far 26 fine photos have been submitted, have a look!

Jon will be co-ordinating. The Guild will supply a hard copy of the photo which will be pinned to a board for judging by the Ladies at the **Guild Dinner on 20th November**. You could also just bring a photo along for judging on the night. The Ron Long Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the winner.

Closing date is 1st November 2015

HAPPY FISHINGBOB



PS. True Notes.....

DEAR MILKMAN.....

Sorry about yesterday's note. I didn't mean one egg and a dozen pints, but the other way round.

When you leave my milk please knock on my bedroom window and wake me because I want you to give me a hand to turn the mattress.

Please knock. My TV's broken down and I missed last night's Coronation Street. If you saw it, will you tell me what happened over a cup of tea?

My daughter says she wants a milkshake. Do you do it before you deliver or do I have to shake the bottle?

Please send me a form for cheap milk, for I have a baby two months old and did not know about it until a neighbour told me.

Please send me details about cheap milk as I am stagnant.

Milk is needed for the baby. Father is unable to supply it.

My back door is open. Please put milk in 'fridge, get money out of cup in drawer and leave change on kitchen table in pence, because we want to play bingo tonight.

Please leave no milk today. When I say today, I mean tomorrow, for I wrote this note yesterday.

Milkman please put the coal on the boiler, let dog out and put newspaper inside the screen door. P.S. Don't leave any milk.

No milk. Please do not leave milk at No.14 either as he is dead until further notice.

From now on please leave two pints every other day and one pint on the days in between, except Wednesdays and Saturdays when I don't want any milk.