

# WEST WILTS FLYFISHERS GUILD



Members of the Wild Trout Trust

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## JUNE/JULY 2012 NEWSLETTER

After our 'Summer Break' the next Guild Meeting will be held on **Wednesday September 12<sup>th</sup>**. The speaker will be Andy Burns, who is Chairman of the Beckington Astronomical Society.

We have not met Andy but we suspect he has a Stellar knowledge of Angling!

His talk will be entitled '**The Transit of Venus**'.

**This sounds MOST interesting and we ask that you please support Andy's Presentation with your attendance on the night.**

**June's Guild Meeting - 'River Nymphing' and how to catch a fish!**

### **10 Footers and 2 Weights**

Enthusiasm, expertise, logic and common-sense; and always innovation. All these things can be said of Jim Williams, his style, and of his recent presentation to the Guild on Wednesday, 13 June. As ever, it was excellent. Jim always gives good value, and this was no exception. His talk on Nymph Fishing in Rivers/Brooks was not only interesting, but added to our own appreciation and experience of fishing. I found myself nodding in agreement to many of the points, related experiences, and anecdotes he raised. Whilst not all may be appreciated, or compelled to copy or experiment with, you know in listening to

what he says that there is certain truth, or logic. And that he has reasoned things out, and applied it successfully in practice. To copy, or not to copy. This is down to each individual amongst us. All I would say, is that unselfishly, Jim has suggested another course, or option, to our ongoing fly-fishing tactics. One ready example offered, was the use of small lead shot near the fly; perhaps when things piscatorial get a little difficult. As sometimes they do.

Anyway, whatever your individual take on this, full marks to you Jim, for your candid views and sharing these with us. The amount of information and tips regarding parallel invention and development of fluorocarbon leaders, bite indicators, hooks etc. on the coarse-fishing scene also has valuable read-across to our own beloved past-time. Jim's visits are always very welcome with me, his enthusiasm is contagious, and he enriches our lives and pursuits in so doing. Respect!

*Courteney*

SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> June AVON SPRINGS Fishing for  
the J. Turk Shield



HURRAH! At last we caught some great fish on a competition day! I knew Avon Springs wouldn't let us down. It turned out to be a very pleasant day's fishing with the weather being near perfect.

Apologies for fixing the date on Fathers Day, however six Members arrived to fish starting at 10:00am until 2:00pm.

Some of us caught big Rainbows, Gerry Tinson had a whopper of 7lbs.09ozs. Colin had a 7lbs.08ozs fish. But the recipient of the 'delicious plonk' for the heaviest fish went to Gerry Barnes with a magnificent Rainbow of 8lbs.01oz. This fish was caught on a 'Mill Farm Red Buzzer.' Other successful flies were damsel nymphs, black marabou gold head and GRHE's.

The level of the lake visibly went down by 2 feet as these big trout were landed!

We then gathered under the willow tree near the Hampshire Avon and enjoyed our picnics in the sunshine.



### Results of the Competition as follows..

1<sup>st</sup>...Colin Burbedge...3 fish...16lbs.02ozs.

2<sup>nd</sup>...Gerry Tinson.....3 fish...15lbs.09ozs.

3<sup>rd</sup>...Gerry Barnes.....3 fish...14lbs.09ozs.

Congratulations to the winners!

*Winner Colin and a view of the lake.*

### WWFFG Website

Our Committee has decided that the WWFFG Website should become more secure. Over the next months we shall be working on this.

If you wish to view the site, a 'login box' may appear, although it doesn't happen every time at the moment! Please use the following....

**Username:**wwffglogin    **Password:** nicetrout



### **FULLINGBRIDGE OUTING - Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2012**

#### **Fullingbridge Farm Lake, near Westbury**

One of our most popular outings of the year, enjoying fishing on a pleasant lake and joining fellow anglers for a barbeque, funded by the Guild.

Our 'meeting' starts off from 3:00pm, barbeque at 6:30pm or when the 'goose-caller' sounds. We usually call it a day at 9:00pm.

We can keep **the first 2 trout caught**, then it's 'catch and release' on barbless hooks, gently returning the fish.

The charge for the fishing is £15.

You can win the Ron Douch Tankard, for the heaviest bag of the first two fish caught. The Trophy will be held for a year, and presented at the AGM in February!

We mustn't forget the bottle of quality 'fishing plonk' for the heaviest weighed in fish of the afternoon.

If you would like to join a 'sweep' (for an extra £2), the heaviest bag of only the **first 2 fish caught** will 'net' a cash prize.

Half the sweep money will go to club funds.

Andy Moore has very kindly donated a case of lager. The cans will be on sale at 50p each and all proceeds will go to Guild Funds.

Our Chairman John DC will give us a demonstration on how to fillet a trout.

Please bring a chair for seating at the barbeque.

Let's hope the day will be fair and clement!

It would be great to see you, we hope that many of you will attend!

**Directions** - From Trowbridge take A350 from Yarnbrook towards Westbury....pass N.T. Heywood House on the left. After a few hundred yards take the next sharp turning left, - opposite a lay-by, - then  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile down this lane (Capps Lane) find Fullingbridge Farm, Lake entrance on the left.  
For Sat. Nav. Users: BA13 4NB.

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September** - Brian Thornton has invited all Members to his farm for 'An Archery Afternoon' and Barbeque.

"The idea for the day is that those attending provide their own food and liquid refreshment, the thing that is vital for me to know is how many will I need to provide cooking facilities for. I have a double bank of drum BBQs which I can use singularly dependant on numbers. We have sufficient cutlery, crockery and glasses to cater for large numbers so there will be no need to bring your own.

I would suggest Midday to arrive; I will light the coals early enough so that people can start their cooking soon after their arrival without having the local fire brigade on standby.

We have seating enough for 20, if numbers are above that then I would suggest that folding picnic chairs are easily transported in the boot of the car.

I have arranged for two members of our Archery Club to be here to give instruction and guidance.

Family members are very welcome but it is important that I have a rough idea of the numbers attending. It can be very frustrating trying to find a vacant bit of grill space.

My Address is: Moorshall Farm, Kington-St\_Michael, Chippenham and post code is SN14 6JX."

*Thank You Brian for organising this event.*

**It is VERY important to let Brian know in plenty of time if you plan to be present.**

**Brian's phone No is: 01249 750789. E-mail:moorshallfarm@btinternet.com**



The GRAND ROD RAFFLE DRAW.....

**The First Prize is a Sharpes Gordon 2, 9'6" seven weight rod**

**2<sup>nd</sup> prize - An Orvis brook reel.** This is a Large Arbor II [for 3 to 5 Wts] , in gold finish, with protective case. (It retails at £169).

**3<sup>rd</sup> prize -** \_A John Norris selection of 100 assorted flies in a box.

Gerry Barnes is the Ticketmaster and will be pleased to sell you tickets at £1 each.

As you know the draw will take place at the 'Ladies Night Dinner' in October.

STOCKING THE RIVER FROME – WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> JULY

**New date: Wednesday 18th July - time: 11:00am to 1:00pm**

We have unfortunately had to postpone stocking of the River Frome due to the recent rain. The river has risen by at least 2' and from being low and fairly clear it is back to being liquid mud again. With forecasts showing more rain to come we do not want to risk newly stocked fish being swept away by another spate.

**As before we will need help on Wednesday 18th July** to man-handle the fish from the trailer and down the bank. If you are able to give a hand please let us know. Many Thanks.

Kind regards.

Roger & Jim



FISHTAILS....

**Weather Lore** – do any of the following pieces of wisdom fit with your experiences? Let us know!

Wind from the North - fish come forth

Wind from the South - bait into the fishes mouth

Wind from the East - fishing the least

Wind from the West - fishing the best

- A westerly wind usually drops to a breeze by dusk so expect a buzzer hatch.
- If the wind is sharp enough for you to need a scarf fish will not be feeding.
- Full moon on and a clear night followed by a cloudy morning brings perfect fishing.
- If the wind is colder than the water - fish with the wind behind you.
- Storm brewing so air pressure changing - fish will stop feeding but they can be tempted with a lure.
- Steady air pressure for two to three days - sign of good fishing. Then, even if it is hot fish will continue to feed.
- A night frost in September will send the fish down.
- The ideal air temp for a buzzer hatch is 45F to 60F. 70F+ is too warm.
- The colder the weather - the darker the fly. (Bob Church)

### **Having Fun**

It is frequently said that one needs bad days to remind one how good the good days are. In some ways the bad day are in fact the best ones for they not only test the character but they provide an essential springboard: the frustration of defeat is the spur that makes one go back to the water with new optimism.

Any fool can enjoy the good days, it takes a real fisherman to enjoy the bad days, learn from them and cope with them better the next time.

*From Boat Fishing for Trout by Steve Parton -1983*

Thanks Roger for the above contributions.



.....ON LINE.....

LIVE WEB CAMERAS.....Interesting site sent in by Gerry T.....

(control & click to follow the links)

<http://www.farsondigitalwatercams.com/live-webcams/>



For your entertainment - [How to catch River Monsters?](#)

Videos by Jeremy Wade

<http://animal.discovery.com/videos/how-to-catch-a-river-monster/#mkcpgn=emapl1>

## Casts and Casks

**Hell-Fishing** is a brilliantly blokish combo of fishing, helicopters and whisky. Stay at Craigellachie Hotel on the Spey, be helicoptered to the Tay for a day's fishing (lunch, casting lessons if required), eat the catch that evening, and then spend the following day on a whisky tour followed by a Game Dinner. It costs £1010 pp, based on a group of 4 people. Includes 3 nights' accommodation with breakfast and a 3 course dinner each day, helicopter flights to/from the Tay, packed lunch, equipment, permits and lessons, range rover transfers and Distillery entrance, and a Glenfiddich lunch. Any Takers?

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September is booked for the 'Blagdon Bank Social Day'.**

Meet at the Lodge at 9:30am. We will speak to the Ranger for advice on the fishing and decide from which bank of the lake to fish.

It would be good if we could all fish together in the same area.

**Next Newsletter at the end of September.**

HAPPY FISHING and Happy Holidays!....BOB

PS.

A guy is 82 years old and loves to fish.

He was sitting in his boat when he heard a voice say, 'Pick me up.'

He looked around and couldn't see anyone.

He thought he was dreaming when he heard the voice say again, 'Pick me up.'

He looked in the water and there, floating on the top, was a frog.

The man said, 'Are you talking to me?'

The frog said, 'Yes, I'm talking to you.'

Pick me up then, kiss me and I'll turn into the most beautiful woman you have ever seen.

I'll make sure that all your friends are envious and jealous because I will be your bride!'

The man looked at the frog for a short time, reached over, picked it up carefully, and placed it in his front pocket.

The frog said, 'What, are you nuts?'

Didn't you hear what I said? I said kiss me and I will be your beautiful bride.'

He opened his pocket, looked at the frog and said,

'Nah, at my age I'd rather have a talking frog.'

