



WEST WILTS FLYFISHERS GUILD

WWFFG



Members of the Wild Trout Trust

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NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2012 NEWSLETTER

November's Guild Meeting - **The Auction of John Williams fishing items.**

We each recently had the honour, and indeed the privilege, to buy a small memento of John through the sale of a few of his fishing items at the club HQ. A very kind gesture, generously donated by his wife Louise. I am sure we all send her our thanks and respect, and best wishes for the future.

Jon took over the demanding mantle of auctioneer, aided by Tim, who ably displayed each lot for members to examine more easily. It was a fun evening with brisk bidding and skilfully managed by Jon and Mike. Mike had the difficult, and I hope not onerous, task of logging each sale against the successful bidder, and preparing totalled accounts at the immediate cessation

of sales, for members to settle up. Easy really! - Not.
Well done Mike for the smooth transition.

Several nice tins of flies, many tied by John himself, were acquired by lucky bidders. To my mind, this is a fitting and apt continuation, where John's flies go fishing on - in the hands of people who admired him. A multitude of fishing accessories; nets, knives, knot-tiers, priests, scales, a life-jacket, fly-tying feathers, masks and capes and fly-tying vices went under the hammer. Also a few spinning plugs and lures. All was there. From metal spinners to their more appropriate tied, feathered 'spinner' versions of insect life. Fred bid successfully for a nice Fly Tyers lamp and Magnifying Glass, Richard a fine Hardy's sharpening stone in a small leather case, John DC for many others! Bobbin, scissors and pliers to Roger. Condoms for Colin [fear of Flying, you understand]; a tin of flies for Robert, by proxy - he was in the Med. on a large boat at the time! All in all, an interesting and absorbing evening.

The auction raised £548. This to be divided, half to Cancer Research and, half to Guild funds thanks again to Louise. Thank you also to the organisers, bidders and all those involved in producing a positive degree of pleasure and hope, out of one of grief. *Courteney.*

Next Guild Meeting - there will be no Guild Meeting in December, so our next Meeting is on **Wednesday January 9th 2013**. No speaker on this evening BUT we will be having a decidedly **Fishy Quiz Evening** with our regular hosts, John Dixon and Richard Cripps. These fishy Quizzes are consistently great fun - come along and have a laugh and test your brain power!

We have a couple of **Trophies** that haven't been claimed this year - **The Nyeford Trophy** for the **heaviest Brown Trout caught in 2012** and the **Bill Avon Shield** for the **heaviest Rainbow caught this year**. **If you think you may be are a contender, then please let Robert know by January 9th 2013.**

THE CHRISTMAS HAMPER COMPETITION -

held on Sunday 21st October 2012 -

A close fought battle!

The Winner was **Gerry Tinson** with a 3 fish bag weighing in at 9lbs.5ozs.

2nd Charles Freemantle.....3 fish...9lbs.4ozs. Hard Luck Charles-just 1oz short!

3rd Robert Eadie.....3 fish...9lbs.2ozs. (Struggled!)

Mike Harris wins the delicious fishing plonk with a Rainbow of 3lbs.09ozs.



Gerry and the 2012 Christmas Hamper

NB. I've just heard a whisper on the grapevine that as the weights between 1st and 2nd were so close, less than an ounce, Gerry has shared his winning Hamper with Charles. Now that's what I call a real Sportsman!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS.



'Ladies Night Dinner' again this year, turned out to be a very pleasant evening with good company and tasty food. The Table Quiz proved to be tricky which included questions on the Olympic Gold Medal winners. We were pleased to have Louise Williams as our guest and good to see Joyce and David Douch in our company.

We had many prizes in our 'Dinner Raffle' which took a while to get through. Thanks to everyone for bringing the prizes and for attending the evening. Also thanks to the Ladies for encouraging us to get out there and do some fishing!

'LADIES NIGHT' ROD RAFFLE.....The Lucky Winners.....

The Rod.....Gerry Barnes

The Reel.....William Arney

The Flybox.....Colin Burbedge

Mill Farm 3 Fish Ticket.....John Sturgess

The Fishing Staff.....Malcolm Bond.

A personal thank you from me to everyone involved in making WWFFG's Ladies Night such a pleasure to attend, the food was excellent as was the company, anyone who missed it missed a great evening, I am sure my sentiments would be echoed by all present. I would like to extend the thank you to all the events the Guild arranges throughout the season, it is always good to meet up, fish and chat. Let's hope for a better season next year - weatherwise.

Thank you from - Gerry T. & Heather, Maurice and Marge Dyer

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Malcolm Bond has been elected as the Secretary and Acting Vice-Chairman of the Angling Trust South West Forum. He is responsible, along with the Regions Co-ordinator (John Cheyne, A.T. Head Office) and the Chairman (Tony Allen, Lavington Anglers) for development of the regional agenda in regards to fishing 'hot topics' (mainly the threats to game and coarse angling), and for organising the forum meetings around the region.

The rivers trusts and the EA are also an integral part of this. The forum meetings to date (past 25 years) have all been in Taunton, but as the region stretches from Cornwall to Gloucester, and down to Bournemouth, we are now going to vary the venue. The forum meetings will also now focus on presentations from speakers, rather than the rather boring traditional 'minuted meetings', so hopefully will attract individual members and member club reps.

FISH TAILS.....

'Blagdon Lake' described by Harry Plunket Greene in 'Where the Bright Waters Meet' (1924) There is not a lovelier sight in England than Blagdon from the Butcombe end at sundown, with the tiny town straggling up the steep hillside like a Bavarian village, the red roofs of the houses peeping out of the thick orchards and the evening sunlight flushing with purple-pink the glassy surface of the lake. There is a stillness here that belongs to no other valley. You hear the "plop" of the big trout far out half a mile away. You can talk to your friend across the water without ever raising your voice, and hear The Scream of his reel in the blackness, as Blagdon is about seven miles around and he may be half the length of the lake away.

Some Culture perhaps?

*The current, that with gentle murmur glides,
Thou Know'st, being stopped, impatiently doth rage;
But. When his course is not hindered,
He makes sweet music with the enamelled stones,
Giving a gentle kiss to every sedge
He overtaketh in his pilgrimage;
And, so by many winding nooks he strays,
With willing sport, to the wild ocean.*

Wm. SHAKESPEARE

'Two Gentlemen of Verona'

AND A BIT MORE

A few years ago a travel journalist who had gone to try Lough fishing for Brown Trout in Ireland wrote that his boatman quoted the last line of W B Yeats 'He Wishes For The Cloths of Heaven' to him, as gentle reprimand, when he moved clumsily in the boat and disturbed the fish - his dream - a fish of a lifetime, waiting to be caught.

He Wishes For The Cloths of Heaven

HAD I the heavens' embroidered cloths,
Enwrought with golden and silver light,
The blue and the dim and the dark cloths
Of night and light and the half-light,
I would spread the cloths under your feet:
But I, being poor, have only my dreams;
I have spread my dreams under your feet;
Tread softly because you tread on my dreams.

W B Yeats



Recommended Flies for Stillwater Fisheries

If you are lucky enough to have access to a local lake or fishery then consider the following flies for this time of year.



[Montana Nymph](#) - Montana nymphs were originally designed as an impressionistic fly based around the giant black stonefly or salmon fly - *Pteronarcys californica*. Species similar are found all around the world and trout love them. They are unlikely to 'hatch' on waters like Rutland Water, Grafham or Arnfield - however - brown trout & rainbow trout love them! Interestingly, pike, chub, perch and many other species hit these viciously!



[Diawl Bach](#) - The Diawl Bach Hot Head, as the name indicates, is a Welsh Fly and translated means 'Little Devil'. The Diawl Bach pattern has achieved success in many waters including reservoirs like Chew Valley and Blagdon. The Diawl Bach Hot Head is one of the many variations on the theme, which have dyed peacock herl bodies or ribs / cheeks of holographic tinsel. The key to the Diawl Bach and its variants is that it is sparsely dressed.



[Dawsons Olive](#) - The Dawsons Olive Mini Lure is a great trout fishing fly and is fished in the style of a Streamer.

 Cormorant - a great point fly when fished slowly on a floating line

 Consett Budgie - a 'must have' fly in your fly box and you fish it in the style of a lure.



A lot of people think that once the trout season ends, that's it for the year! How wrong can you be? There is so much enjoyment to be had with grayling fishing! Grayling, 'Ladies of the Stream' are a superb fly anglers fish. Fishermen love this time of year and can have many splendid hours on local rivers.



Dry Fly Grayling Fishing



Dry fly fishing for grayling is fantastic fun, however, the availability of insects and the attitude of the fish towards surface feeding always dictate the flies to use for Grayling. If Grayling are not rising do not expect them to come to the surfacethey will not. Choosing a dry fly is not difficult, if there are naturals simply *match the hatch*,



however flies that are really good for grayling are the Red Tag and Klinkhammer's in all their colours, matching the hatching insects.

Wet Fly Grayling Fishing

Wet fly fishing with a team of three traditional flies, patterns such as Greenwells, Snipe_and Purple, Partridge and Orange, Blue Dun or Wickhams Fancy, worked across and downstream is often a successful way to search the water. These patterns are of course mainly suitable for use in the autumn/winter, when grayling fly fishing is at its height.

This year, December has 5 Saturdays, 5 Sundays and 5 Mondays.

Dec-2012						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
31					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

This only happens once every 824 years.

The WWFFG Committee would like to wish You and Yours a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous and Healthy New Year with many Tight Lines!

HAPPY FISHING.....BOB

Knock Knock

Who's there?

Rabbit! Rabbit Who?

Rabbit up nice, it's a Present!

Knock Knock,

Who's there?

Arthur! Arthur Who?

Arthur any Mince Pies left?

Knock Knock,

Who's there,

Wayne! Wayne Who?

Wayne in a Manger!

