

WEST WILTS FLYFISHERS GUILD



Members of the Wild Trout Trust

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JANUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

[Guild Meeting - Wednesday January 11th](#)

IN PRAISE OF HELEN AND RICHARD - A CRYPTIC REVIEW

Last night, thanks to these two kind souls, we had a thoroughly pleasant and uplifting evening. We learned things we never knew before; we were pinioned, and not a tad confused, by searchingly inquisitive questions like what do you call a collective group of trout???!! ie. other than a shoal. Yipes!! Don't give up the day-job. Answer: - It's much less bover with a hover! And discussed weird, somewhat risqué/ African, maybe West Indian connotations of what a female otter might be called on a good day. We learned the savoury differences in the analytical inhalation of otter and mink poo; the strikingly unusual, vivid and dangerous nature [bright red] of the mandibles and poisonous saliva of our native water shrew; and

what Izaak Walton really thought about that denizen of the deep, the mighty Pike. Amongst all this, a rather quaint rendezvous with a courgette called Ricky. This and so much more. All delivered and held together by the gracious Helen and John who were patience and tact personified amongst a potentially unruly and mischievous crowd of, frankly, very fishy competitors. I am that soldier.

We formed our serried ranks into teams of gladiators, and called ourselves names?, and ventured into the unknown abyss of interrogation. Paxman would not have been amused, (save for the fact that being a fishing addict himself the territory was very much of personal interest). The team labelling themselves 'The Minnows', perhaps working on the basis that the meek might just inherit the Earth [if not the Water] won the day. But come the reckoning, not by a lot. And of course we were all winners on the night. Good company, camaraderie, and chocolates! The three 'C's; not a shipwreck in sight, and much laughter and enjoyment thrown in. What more could you want? Us beleaguered, Winter-marooned, fluff-chuckers.....

My thanks to Helen who kindly stepped in for John Dixon who could not be with us, unavoidably away in Ireland; and, with Richard, made this whole evening possible. All present would like to thank you both for all the work and preparation that we know goes into such an evening. For taxing our corporate brain, and all the laughs, a sincere Thank You. We appreciate it immensely.

Courteney

LOOKING FORWARD

**Wednesday February 8th - Annual General Meeting - 7:30 for 8:00pm.
The Shaw Country Hotel, Shaw**

I hear on the grapevine that there will be no increase in subscription dues again this year. You can pay by cheque or BACS **no later than the end of February please**. A reminder of the Membership fees are.....

**GUILD - £40, JOINT - £45, GUILD & RIVERS - £110,
JUNIOR (under 18) - Free, COARSE ONLY (non-member) - £60.**

Sunday February 19th - River Frome Bank Management - Please meet at Tellisford Packhorse Bridge at 9:00am. - Meet Roger and the gang. If you can't manage 9:00am, then please come along when you can to help clear some of the winter debris from the banks. Hope to see you there.



The Full Collection Of Platinum Buzzers

Tied on beautiful gold hooks, these flies have been made using the Semperfli Iridescent thread, with the addition of a super new coating to create a fluoro thorax which is irresistible to trout. Such attractive flies!

The iridescent thread gives an interesting fish/insect scale effect. The gold hooks enhance the colour of the thread creating a buggy buzzer feel. These flies have very tight ribs and fluoro hotspots as wonderful triggers!

The 18 different colour choices mean you have just the right buzzer for the light, water or time of day conditions!





On (a fishing) line



Anglers cast lines through holes in a frozen river during the Hwacheon Sanncheoneo Ice Festival in Hwacheon-gun South Korea. The annual event attracts thousands of visitors and features a mountain trout ice fishing competition, in which participants compete with traditional lures or with their hands.



Items will be added as they become confirmed.



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Programme of Club Events 2017

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>CLUB EVENINGS</u> <u>2nd Wednesday of Month</u>	<u>FISHING & SOCIAL</u>
<u>JANUARY</u>	11 th - Guild Meeting - Members Quiz	Fly-tying Sessions - Thursdays 12 th , 19 th & 26 th - 7pm to 9pm at Shaw Hotel
<u>FEBRUARY</u>	8 th - AGM. 7:30 for 8:00pm	Sunday 19th - River Frome Bank Management Meet 9:00am at Tellisford Packhorse Bridge
<u>MARCH</u>	8 th - Guild Meeting Speaker - TBA	River Mole Bank Management TBA
<u>APRIL</u>	12 th - Guild Meeting Open Forum	Skittles and Buffet evening - Friday 21 st April
<u>MAY</u>	10 th - Guild Meeting - Speaker - TBA	Chew Boat Cup (Tam Pearce Trophy) Sun 28th May Fish 10:00 to 6:15pm
<u>JUNE</u>	14 th - Guild Meeting- Open Forum	All Methods Week - Fri 23 rd June - Sun 2 nd July
<u>JULY</u>	No Formal Meeting	Wed 12th River Frome fly-fishing, 3pm onwards.
<u>AUGUST</u>	No Formal Meeting	
<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	13 th - Guild Meeting -	
<u>OCTOBER</u>	11 th - Guild Meeting Speaker - TBA	
<u>NOVEMBER</u>	8 th - Guild Meeting - Speaker - TBA	Thursday 2nd. - Rivers Meeting Friday 17th - Guild Dinner.
<u>DECEMBER</u>	No Meetings	Sun 3rd - Christmas Hamper Comp. - Manningford Fishery.

TBA = To be announced. TBC = To be confirmed. C = Confirmed

Bristol Water Fisheries - Boat Permits for 2017

Boat Permits	Chew Valley	Blagdon		Litton
	With Engine	With Engine	Row Boat	Row Boat
Full	£40.00	£42.00	£38.00	£60.00
Concessionary	£38.00	£40.00	£36.00	£60.00
Half Day*	£28.50	£30.00	£26.50	£60.00
Junior	£28.50	£26.50	£25.50	£55.00
		3 boats in one week 9% discount		
		5 boats in one week 12% discount		
Holiday packages				

* Half day boats permit 6 hours fishing from start of day or 6 hours fishing prior to sunset

All prices are per person. Boat and bank full day permits allow a maximum of 8 fish to be taken. This can include a maximum of 1 brown trout. Half day boats and afternoon bank tickets permit a maximum of 4 fish to be taken. All coarse fish from all of our waters must be returned to the water unharmed.

Anglers fishing Litton lakes are only permitted to take a maximum of 6 fish per day. **SPECIAL OFFER!** - During the months of February and March 2017 Litton ticket prices are just £40.00pp!!



(Pike Bunny)

Pike Fly fishing is permitted at Chew throughout the trout season and is charged at the same rate as the trout fishing permits. There is no pike fishing at any other waters run by BW.

Concessions: 65 years of age or older or registered disabled

Junior: Up to and including 17 years of age.

Bank Permits

Bank Permits	All Waters	Chew & Barrow	Barrow
Full	£25.00	£19.50	£16.50
Concessionary	£23.00	£17.50	£15.00
Afternoon (3pm onwards)	£20.00	£16.50	£14.50
Junior	£13.00	£9.00	£7.50

New for 2017!

Half day boats

This year BW will be scrapping the evening and morning boat offerings. Options for boat fishing will include a full day or half day boat. Half day boats will permit 6 hours fishing from 9am or 6 hours fishing prior to sunset. This option will include a 4 fish limit and is available at Blagdon or Chew Valley lakes.

Prices (per angler) are as follows	<u>With Engine</u>	<u>Row Boat</u>
Chew Valley	£28.50	-
Blagdon	£30.00	£26.50

Half day boats will only be bookable during office hours. If you are planning on turning up later than office hours the boat will need to be booked and paid for in advance over the phone on 01275 332339. In this instance, both anglers must have watched and signed to say they have seen the company health and safety DVD in advance.

N.B Half day boats are only bookable on the day. Occasionally BW will permit half day boats to be booked the day before. This is subject to availability and at staff discretion.

2017 Opening dates:

Blagdon:

Season ticket opening day: Tuesday 14th March 2017

Day ticket opening day: Thursday 16th March 2017

Chew Valley:

Season ticket opening day: Tuesday 7th March 2017

Day ticket opening day: Thursday 9th March 2017

HAPPY FISHING ...BOB

PS.

Looking back at Real Newspaper headlines from 2016 - do you think they employ anybody to do proof-reading?

Man Kills Self Before Shooting Wife and Daughter |
How on earth did he do that?

Something Went Wrong in Jet Crash, Expert Says |
No, do you really think so?

Police Begin Campaign to Run Down Jaywalkers
Now that's taking things a bit far! |

Panda Mating Fails; Veterinarian Takes Over
What a guy! | |

Miners Refuse to Work after Death
No-good-for-nothing' lazy so-and-so's! |

Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant
See if that works any better than a fair trial! |

If Strike Isn't Settled Quickly, It May Last Awhile
I suppose so!

Enfield (London) Couple Slain; Police Suspect Homicide
They may be on to something! |

Red Tape Holds Up New Bridges
You mean there's something stronger than duct tape? | |

Astronaut Takes Blame for Gas in Spacecraft
That's what he gets for eating those beans! |

Local High School Dropouts Cut in Half
Chainsaw Massacre all over again! |

Typhoon Rips Through Cemetery;
Hundreds Dead.