

# WEST WILTS FLYFISHERS GUILD



Members of the Wild Trout Trust

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

## JANUARY 2013 NEWSLETTER

### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Our next Guild Meeting will be our **Annual General Meeting** to be held on **Wednesday February 13<sup>th</sup> - 7:30 for 8:00pm** at the Shaw Hotel.

#### January Quiz - Thanks Quiz Masters -

I know I am not alone in expressing the following sentiment, 'Fluff-Chuckers', 'Small Fry'; 'The Bottom of the Class'; 'Intelligencia'; Fly Boys, The Right Angles and The Fish Tank, will all support me in sending sincere thanks to John and Richard for providing such fun. Those who were there will detect straight away that the brain-cell was severely overtaxed at this event and I have started, as a result, to 'invent' some of the team names, as I have regrettably forgotten some of the gems! But to the point. We are rather lucky in our little Guild to have such a wealth of different talent. And to have such stalwarts who give us welcome fun, which is what the annual quiz always is. A great turn-out, over 24 members, who all went home lifted by the event. I'd rather not say who won the quiz, (since I can't for the life of me remember!).....but I think it was, ironically, 'The Bottom of the Class'. The result is academic, since we were all 'the winners'. Thank you Richard and John, as ever, for organizing the whole evening; for your unselfish work, and for being such great interrogators of us, your worthless 'master-class' quizlings. We appreciate it. *Anon*

## Fly-Tying Sessions Thurs 17th, Thurs 24th and Thurs 31st January.

A reminder just in case meeting... These sessions till 9.30pm on the above These evenings are the complete newcomer.



you weren't at January's Guild will be at the Shaw Hotel from 7.30pm dates.

intended for all levels of skill including It is also a good opportunity to get help with any techniques which are causing you problems.

A contribution of £2 per session will be asked to offset room hire charges. If you haven't already done so it would be helpful if you could let me know if you think you will be coming along.

*Nothing like catching fish on flies you've tied!*

AGM, February 13<sup>th</sup> also includes the Cup and Trophy Presentations

### WWFFG CUP and TROPHY WINNERS.....2012

1. HENDERSON CUP.....**JON JONIK**.....5lbs.12ozs.
2. D&J RIDEOUT SHIELD....**TIM PULLEN**.....13lbs.10ozs.
3. J. TURK SHIELD.....**COLIN BURBEDGE**.....16lbs.02ozs.
4. BLAGDON MUG.....**JON JONIK**.....3lbs.04ozs.
5. FULLINGBRIDGE RON DOUCH TANKARD.....**ROGER HENDERSON**....3lbs.08ozs. (NEW Trophy)
6. WILF SLEIGHTHOLME TELLISFORD SHIELD.....**JIM WHEEL**
7. The Chairmans VIC WILLCOX MEMORIAL TROPHY....**ROGER HENDERSON**
8. NYFORD TROPHY.....**JIM WHEEL**.....2lbs.4ozs....18"
9. BILL AVON SHIELD.....**GERRY TINSON**.....7lbs.09ozs.
10. THE TAM PEARCE CHEW BOAT CUP ..... No Fish Caught
11. RIVER BROWN TROPHY.....**JIM WHEEL**

#### e-mail from Malcolm

**Congratulations to our Member Derrick Jones** on his appointment as one of the new Ambassadors for the West Country Passport.

Passport vouchers are a great way to fish some of the less well-known streams and rivers in the West of England.

Our very own Guild waters on the Mole & Yeo, of course, offer some great fishing for wild brownies, and also salmon and sea trout, so we hope to see more members fishing there next season. If anyone needs any info re the Mole & Yeo, please let me know. Seasons Greetings, and Tight Lines for 2013.

Best regards, *Malcolm, WWFFG, Devon Rivers Officer*

FOR A MATTER OF INTEREST.....

## Fisherman towed out to sea while catching record 29lb fish

A man was towed out to sea in his kayak while battling to catch a 29lb10oz cod - thought to be the biggest cod snared in British waters from such a small vessel.

GOOD COD!



Dan Richards was fishing off the coast of Folkestone, Kent in a 12ft canoe when he caught the fish.

The 38-year-old managed to haul the monster onto the bow of his kayak before paddling back to shore with the fish between his legs.

It was so large that it provided 32 separate fillets, which would be worth around £150 pounds if bought from a local fish and chip shop.

*Story from: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/newstoppers/howaboutthat/9760778/Fisherman-towed-out-to-sea-while-catching-record-29lb-fish.html>*



## Bristol Water Fisheries

### 2013 TROUT FISHING DETAILS AND PRICES

With the 2012 season now over, catch figures are being completed for the year. With just a few return cards still to come, here are the catch returns for the season.

<u>Chew</u>	18,438 (21,469)	Catch per rod	3.62 (4.05)
<u>Blagdon</u>	21,983 (24,788)	Catch per rod	3.51 (3.90)
<u>Barrows</u>	5,809 (6,320)	Catch per rod	2.57 (2.33)
<u>Litton</u>	919 (1,071)	Catch per rod	4.07 (4.10)

(2011 numbers are in brackets)

Although the numbers and catch rate at the main lakes were slightly lower than 2011 the size and quality of the fish taken this year have been excellent. The average weight of fish from Chew Valley was 2.10 - only ever bettered in 1958, the second year of fishing at Chew. The Barrows also produced fewer fish but the catch per person was better than last year.



## 2013

**Opening days** this year will again be staggered at all the fisheries. Barrows 1 & 2 will start on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, **Blagdon on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March** and **Chew Valley a week later on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**. Special days for season permit holders will be 1<sup>st</sup> March, 14<sup>th</sup> March and 21<sup>st</sup> March respectively.

The closing date will be 30<sup>th</sup> November.

Barrow 3 will remain closed for the start of the season but should re-open in May. Extra fish will be stocked into 1 & 2 at the start of the season with 3 well stocked just before it opens.

Most of the permit prices have increased for 2013. Here are the main permit costs for next season.

<u>Boat</u>	<u>Chew Valley</u>	<u>Blagdon</u>
Day	£36.50	£31.50
Afternoon	£31.00	£26.50
Evening	£24.50	£22.50

<u>Bank</u>	<u>Chew Valley</u>	<u>Blagdon</u>
Day	£18.00	£22.00
Afternoon	£15.00	£17.00

<u>Season Permits</u>	<u>All Waters</u>	<u>Chew &amp; Barrows</u>
Full	£770.00	£625.00
Weekend	£300.00	n/a
Five Day (Mon-Fri)	£595.00	£490.00
Concessionary	£530.00	£430.00



The Killer Shrimp



Bristol Hopper

## **FISH TAILS.....**

If you've had a bad day on the stream, there seems to be another way of catching the those little spotted rascals.....!

### **TICKLING TROUT**

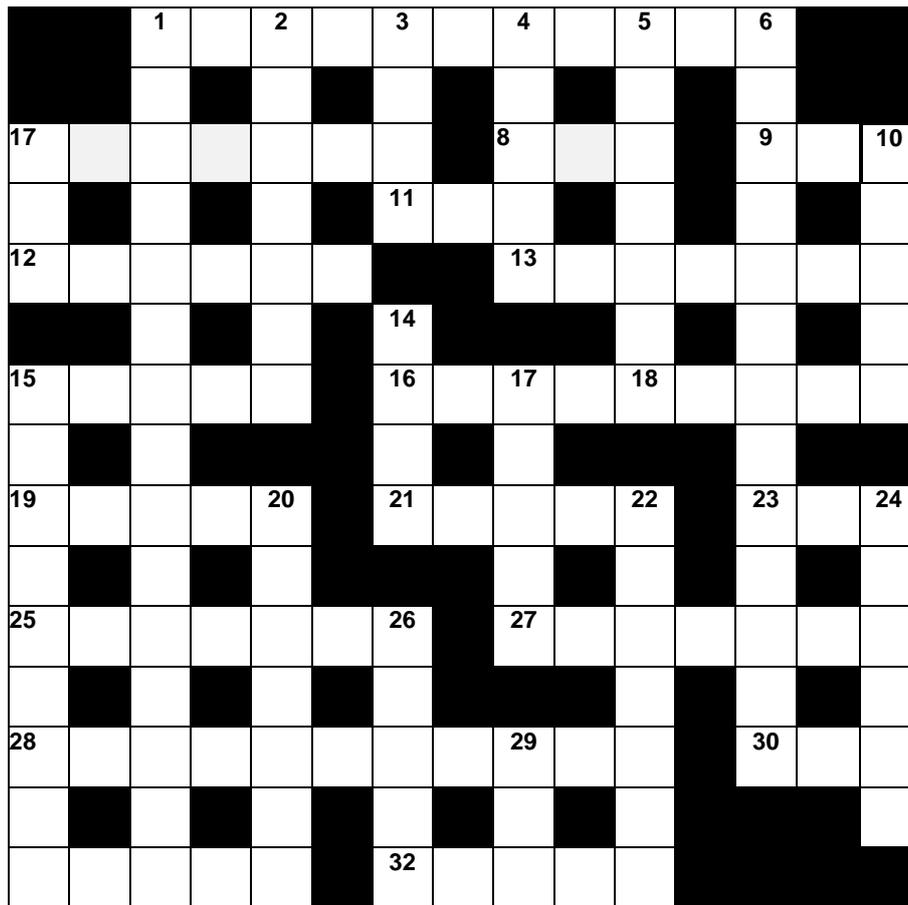
Selecting a quiet spot, just above a hole beneath the bank - a likely resort for the spotted beauties - the operator lies down flat and gently places his open palm on the surface of the water, keeping it there hardly kissing the liquid. Presently a gentle touch will announce the presence of a trout - unable, like woman, to restrain her curiosity at the strange object. Patience and a delicate touch is all that is required for the operation; as the fish gradually becomes more and more tame, and comes time after time to rub his back or his sides against the innocent-looking hand, the operator may gradually feel his way forward to the gills, close his fingers gently downwards round the trout's neck, gingerly tickling him the while, when a sudden grasp will secure the prize in the only part of its body that can be securely held, viz, the gills, and the trout may be hauled out in triumph, unless the tickler, in his excitement, has overbalanced himself and fallen ignominiously into the stream.

*From The Fishing Gazette, 11<sup>th</sup> January 1878*

## **Wilkinson Shrimp**



Wilkinson's classic Irish salmon pattern in sizes 6,8,10 & 12. With its mixture of bright hackle colours and junglecock cheeks, this salmon fly is perfect for high coloured water.



## JANUARY 2013 CROSSWORD Please let me have the correct answers by the **February 13th**

AGM. One name drawn from the hat will win an excellent bottle of that famous fishing plonk (2010)!

This crossword was taken from S&T Mag. many, many years ago, so long ago that you won't ever remember the answer!?

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| <p>1. The Itchen is one (11)</p> <p>7. Not artificial (7)</p> <p>8. Obsolete term for newt (3)</p> <p>9. Reservoir feature (3)</p> <p>11. Northern River (3)</p> <p>12. Act correctly (6)</p> <p>13. Type of hooks (7)</p> <p>15. Inland waterway (5)</p> <p>16. Alcoholic beverage (3)</p> <p>18. Mistake (5)</p> <p>19. Gull-like birds (5)</p> <p>21. Pioneer of nymph fishing (5)</p> <p>23. Girl's name (3)</p> <p>25. Dry-fly protagonist (7)</p> <p>27. Stretches out (7)</p> <p>28. Fly ribbing materials (4,7)</p> <p>30. Not dry (3)</p> <p>31. Famous border salmon river (5)</p> <p>32. Going in (5)</p> | <p>1. Fishing Method (5-3-7)</p> <p>2. Journey's end (7)</p> <p>3. Russian Peninsula (4)</p> <p>4. Fashionable tendency (5)</p> <p>5. Push out (7)</p> <p>6. Popular lure of USA origin (7,6)</p> <p>7. Nose (3)</p> <p>10. Austrian fly-fishing expert (5)</p> <p>14. American game-fish (4)</p> <p>15. Colourful American trout (9)</p> <p>17. Evade (5)</p> <p>20. Seen (7)</p> <p>22. Supply in full (7)</p> <p>24. Valuable possessions (6)</p> <p>26. Move to music (5)</p> <p>29. Consume (3)</p> |
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