

West Wilts Fly Fishers Guild

Meeting Wednesday 12th April 2017 - 7.30pm Shaw Hotel

Present:

Malcolm Bond, Roger Henderson, Robert Eadie, Colin Burbedge, Ray Buckley Humphries, Rod Humphris, David Little, Charles Freemantle.

Part 1

1. Apologies

Jon Jonik, Alan Kerr, Russell Bond, Keith Johnston Gerry Barnes.

2. Minutes of March Guild meeting and matters arising:

Accepted without amendment. No matters arising.

3. Rivers Reports:

- **River Frome - access improvements**

Roger gave an outline of the access improvements along the beats down to Pomeroy Wood. Photographs and details in the April newsletter.

- **River Yeo – 18th/19th March bank work.**

Malcolm thanked the five members who had come down to help with the bank work on The Yeo. The new owners of Bishmill (Peter and Lindsey Williams) are very supportive of the Guild and have given permission for members to park at their property to fish The Yeo – *please check if they are home to make sure they are not inconvenienced.*

The Environment Agency regards The Yeo as a nursery stream for salmon.

Malcolm and Jon have negotiated a rent for a further section of The Mole, bringing our total to close to 4 miles of The Mole.

4. Forthcoming activities:

- **Skittles - Fri 21st April:**

Malcolm asked members to let him know if they plan to participate.

- **Holbury Fishery Day Wed 10th May:**

Numbers are currently around 10. Members are asked to email Jon Jonik if they wish to take part jfonik@gmail.com

- **Chew Boat Day Sun 28th May:**

Jon Jonik is coordinating. The Guild is subsidising the day at £10 per ticket off the normal cost of £38 per ticket. Please contact Jon to book a place – jfonik@gmail.com

5. AOB

None

Date of Next Meeting - Wednesday **14th June** 2017 – 7.30pm, Shaw Hotel, Melksham

Part 2

Open Forum

An open discussion sharing information, tips and experiences gained in 2016 to help everyone get 2017 off to a line-breaking start. Robert and Colin kindly got the ball-rolling but everyone contributed.