

West Wilts Fly Fishers Guild
Meeting Wednesday 8th May 2019 - 7.30pm Shaw Hotel

Part 1

Guest - Malcolm Hunt - Manager of Manningford Fishery, Pewsey.

As well as managing a commercial trout fishery and a very popular small stillwater at Manningford, near Pewsey, Wilts, Malcolm has a great deal of experience in stillwater and river competition angling. In April he took part in the Sierra Pairs qualifier on Chew and the Blagdon heat of The Angling Trusts Team England selection in which he out-fished John Horsey! He has also won the grayling heat of the National Rivers competition, on The Test. Malcolm also ties his own flies.

Malcolm who has “farmed every species of game and coarse fish” during his 33yr career, gave us a fascinating insight into the complexities of fish farming. He then went on to talk about competition fishing and in detail about the techniques he uses for grayling fishing showing and explaining the tackle he uses.

Having twice caught Leptospirosis - Weil’s disease, Malcolm warned of the risks anglers face.

It was a fascinating 90 minutes full of interesting facts, anecdotes and ‘hard science’ which had everyone engaged. The meeting agreed that we would like to hear more from Malcolm.

Part 2

Present:

Jon Jonik, Alan Kerr, Roger Henderson, Tim Pullen, Robin Sewell, Gerry Barnes, Malcolm Bond, Charles Freemantle, Richard Cripps, John De Cesare, Ray Buckley-Humphries,

1. Apologies:

Ged West, Colin Burbidge, David Little, Roger Tranter, Alastair Logan, Russell Bond

1) Minutes of March Guild meeting and Matters Arising

Accepted without amendment. No matters arising.

2) Review of Mill Farm social fishing day Wed 10th April

This had been a very successful and enjoyable day with plenty of fish caught throughout. Eleven members had taken part. Write-up and photos in the Members News section of our website - see link below.

3) Forthcoming Guild events:

i) Hawkridge reservoir, Somerset - social fishing day Wed 12th June

This day is almost booked-up please contact Jon Jonik if you would like to take part. Names so far:- Boat ticket for John Sheppard, Roger Henderson, Andy Greatwood, Jon Jonik and Gerry Barnes. Bank for Alan Kerr, Charles Fremantle & Tim Pullen.

ii) Chew Boat day for ‘The Chew Boat Cup’ Wed 10th July

We have reserved 6 boats. Please contact Jon Jonik if you would like to take part. Names so far Bryan Hussey, Roger Henderson, Gerry Barnes & Jon Jonik.

iii) Bushyleaze Fishery, Lechlade Wed 14th August

Please contact Jon Jonik if you would like to take part. Names so far Malcolm Bond, Jon Jonik,

Jon's email address is :- jfjonik@gmail.com

4) River Frome update inc Bank Work Tues 14th May & Stocking Mon 20th May

Roger thanked everyone who had offered help but we still need more help on both 14th & 20th.

Bank Work - Tues 14th - morning - meeting at 9.00am on Tellisford bridge, but anyone arriving later will easily find us downstream. All help appreciated.

Stocking Mon - 20th May at around mid-day, but Roger will email more exact timing next week.

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- i) A new membership application is expected from a mother & son. Roger has met them and shown them our stretch of The Frome. He fully supports their application. The meeting was asked to approve their application as there will not be a formal meeting now until September and they are keen to fly-fish The Frome. There were no objections.

Meeting ended 10.00pm

To see Minutes of past meetings visit our website: www.westwiltsflyfishersguild.com

