

**West Wilts Fly Fishers Guild**  
**Meeting Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2017 - 7.30pm Shaw Hotel**

**Present:**

Jon Jonik, Tim Pullen, Richard Arney, William Arney, Russell Bond, Gerry Barnes, Paul Runyard-Hunt, Ray Buckley Humphries, Colin Burbage, Chris Winsor, Robert Eadie, Chris Holt

**Apologies**

Roger Henderson, Alan Kerr, Malcolm Bond, David Little, John Sheppard, Margret Fraser-Looen, Bryan Hussey, David Griffiths

**1) Minutes of September Guild meeting.**

Not discussed

**2) Annual Dinner**

A copy of the menu and details of the evening were circulated by email today (11<sup>th</sup>) and it will also be included in the October Newsletter. All agreed that at £25 per head which included wine was good value and hopefully will attract a few more than last year.

**3) Christmas Hamper Competition - Manningford 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

A 3-fish ticket at £35 starting 9am with weigh in at 3pm. A lovely hamper for the heaviest first 3 fish and a nice bottle of wine for the heaviest fish (winner of the hamper can't win the wine). Must move after catching. If you are lucky enough to catch 3 fish it is possible for £5 to increase your ticket to 4 fish or 5 fish for a further £5. It makes sense to share cars so contact me if you need a lift. For further information

[www.manningfordtroutfishery.net](http://www.manningfordtroutfishery.net)

**4) Use of Guild Waters**

Another season is almost over and at most only 2 or 3 members have managed to fish the Devon rivers which is very worrying. More members are fishing the Frome although not many trout are being caught! A reminder that Malcolm (Mole & Yeo) and Roger (Frome) require your returns no later than 28<sup>th</sup> October. The Rivers meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> November will need to consider the viability of continuing with the Devon rivers and review stocking the Frome. Paul Runyard-Hunt handed in two Frome returns (24<sup>th</sup> Sep and 8<sup>th</sup> Oct).

**5) Ideas to help the Guild function better in 2018**

This proved to be an interesting topic with many ideas and suggestions discussed. Two stood out for the committee to consider. 1. It was felt that if we could 'easily' access our website to issue an email to all members that you were available to fish the next day, would anyone like to join me? Arranging fishing between members especially as most are retired would be a great way of fishing. 2. Investigate with other local clubs the possibility of agreeing an 'Exchange Licence/understanding' which would give access to other waters. Clubs mentioned were Avon Tributaries, Warminster, Frome Angling, Wellow, Bybrook and Tisbury. Paul had first-hand experience and had found it beneficial.

**6) Committee vacancies**

It is a good time to think how you might like to help the committee. We need at least one and maybe two to come forward before the AGM in February.

**7) November meeting – Mitch Perkins - Winterbournes**

We hope for a good turnout as this presentation will no doubt be as interesting as the earlier talk on Watermeadows.

**8) AOB None**

**Date of Next Meeting - Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017**