

WEST WILTS FLYFISHERS GUILD



Members of the Wild Trout Trust

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APRIL 2012 NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 11th April - Guild Meeting.....

Malcolm's Presentation on Air Rifles - And Corvid Corner

This was a truly interesting and informative talk. It never fails to amaze me how much expertise and ability we are blessed with, within the Guild, and this is plainly exhibited on such occasions as this. If, like me, you didn't know very much about air rifles and shooting; the hardware, and associated safeguards; the rules, regulations, and practice at the beginning of the evening, you certainly left with far better comprehension of these at close of play. The message was also responsibly conveyed that Guns are a dangerous thing, but if proper care and discipline are observed, they need not be so.

A wonderful display of different types of Air Rifle were brought along by Malcolm for our inspection, and a few members also brought along their own. Comment was inevitably made about target species, particularly in the area of pest control. On my own personal tuition scale, I learned that corvids [*Corvidae*] are a large family of birds composed of crows (familiar to us all), but also jays, plus close relatives. Not mind you understand, but relative feathery chaps like magpies, treepies, nutcrackers and choughs. As we all know, these birds show quick intelligence and curiosity. They are also ultra-cautious - try creeping up on one in the garden! Virtually impossible. Also - a tad Michael Caine-ish - 'not so many people may know that' they are the largest "songbirds" on Earth. Fancy that! Answers on a post-card for what a collection, or body of Corvids might be called. I venture 'A Caw-pus'?

Thanks Malcolm for a great presentation and for lugging all the associated props and equipment along to Shaw HQ. Thank you indeed. *Cawtenay F.*

Wednesday 9th May - Guild Meeting - After the Meeting we have a DVD entitled 'A Night out with Mr. Hardy', kindly provided by Gerry T.

There is an addition to your **Guild Activities Calendar**.

On the Guild Meeting evening of **Wednesday 13th June 2012**, **Jim Williams** will be talking to us about 'Fishing the River Nymph'.

SKITTLES EVENING

We thank Malcolm Bond for yet another successful Skittles Evening, 20 Skittlers' arrived for a pleasant evening of food, chat and skilfully (some) throwing a ball at 9 wooden pins.

Malcolm controlled forth the bowlers tasty and good fiver a throw.

Ina Harris became champion, the last 3 throws.



the Evening very well calling in turn. The grub was very value too at just over a

the worthy overall overtaking Stephen Keys on

To celebrate, chocolates were passed around.

I had noticed it was Friday 13th and that is why I, for one, was rubbish!

Some Wag advised me to take a 'Barnes Wallace' (Bouncing Bomb) approach!

Thanks again Malcolm for organising a Super Skittling Session.

SUNDAY 29th APRIL 2012 - GUILD FISHING COMPETITION - AT SUTTON BINGHAM LAKE for the SPINNAKER CUP

Fish 9:30am to 4:30pm weigh-in.

Day ticket is £20 - Concessionary - £17.

Wading allowed.

Sutton Bingham is a lowland reservoir and the water is not deep so the most popular method of fishing is with a floating line and mainly small lures and nymphs. In 2011 Sutton Bingham fished very well and the largest rainbow trout taken weighed in at 7lbs 12oz. Best brown trout was 5lbs 1oz.

Floating line or intermediate will be sufficient, and just about anything black and green will work well. The water is slightly coloured because of the resident carp, and there is a fair chance of hooking one of these, they are good fun on a fly- Rod. (But no good for the weighing-in!)

Black Buzzer variation



Foam-bodied Dry Hawthorne Fly



Buzzers and Hawthorn flies can work well too!

The area closest to the lodge or round the corner to the left is usually a very productive area. The top of the west bank, from the car park/picnic area down to where the road comes alongside the bank can be pretty productive as well.

Come along for a Good Day Out - we would love to see you there.

Bring a picnic and a chair. This is a lovely scenic lake.

Ranger Ivan Tinsley says the fishing is good so we are booked in.

Gerry T. will look after you and be conducting the weigh-in.

SAT NAV Postal Code for [Sutton Bingham - BA22 9QL](#)

SUNDAY 13th MAY we shall be fishing for the 'Tam Pearce CHEW BOAT CUP'

At present 5 boats are booked and we have a few places left.

It's almost a tradition that we have a breakfast on arrival at Woodford Lodge on Cup Day before a good days fishing on the lake.

Come along for 8:30am, have breakfast, tackle up and be in the boats by 10:00am. We'll finish fishing at 6:15 pm for the weigh-in. The heaviest bag will win the Cup, not forgetting the biggest individual trout will be awarded a grand bottle of fishing plonk!

Please bear in mind that life jackets are mandatory and are supplied hire-free by Bristol Water. For those of you who have not fished Chew this year, you will be required to watch an eight minute Health and Safety video!

There are some new boats that have been added to the fleet this year.

There was a good start to the season's boat fishing and if you want more up-to-date information on the fishing, please check our

WWFFG Website at <http://wwffg.tripod.com/>

and click on 'this month' page and scroll down. If there is anyone who would like to fish and hasn't booked a boat seat yet - please contact Robert ASAP.

A day's boat fishing costs £35 for an 8 fish ticket, (£32:50 Concessionary)

This does not include breakfast!

Please send a cheque to Treasurer Mike Harris at:-

2, Elm Croft, St Saviours Road, Larkhall BATH. BA1 6SE

Those Fishing to date are: Roger Henderson, Tim Pullen, Rob Eadie, Chris Holt, Mike Harris, Colin Burbedge, William Arney and Bryan Hussey.

We need 2 more Members please.



This is Bristol Waters most recent fishing report.....

CHEW VALLEY

TOTAL FISH CAUGHT TO DATE: 12,180

ALREADY!

Weather: A very unsettled week with some strong winds and often very heavy showers. Some frosty mornings. Winds have been mainly from South and West.

Water: All the lakes are still clear. Blagdon has risen very slightly but despite the heavy showers levels remain low for the time of year.

Weekly catch: 1,869 fish to 312 rods, average 6 fish per rod.
Average weight 2lbs.08

Catch to date: 5,418 fish to 900 rods, average 6.0. Average weight 2.07

The excellent fishing continues for the boats and also from the shores. Strong winds and heavy showers have made fishing unpleasant at times, but catches are still very good especially from the boats. At times there have been good hatches but much of the fishing is still sub-surface with nymphs, buzzers and bright lures. The Anglian Airflo team heat was fished at Chew on Saturday and the 42 competitors caught an amazing 323 fish, a rod average of 7.7 per person. Only 7 failed to complete their limit bag of 8 fish and the average weight of the fish caught was 2.08. The biggest fish of the day was a 4.14 rainbow. Biggest fish of the week from Chew was a 5.14 rainbow taken from the bank in Villice Bay.

Plenty of boats available on most week days but weekends are now booking up..

Sunday 25th March - Bushyleaze Lake (D&J Ridout Shield)

All who attended the "Bushyleaze Fishing Day" would agree that we enjoyed perfect fishing (if there is such a thing). A warm, gentle breeze was running across this 22 acre lake. Black and green Buzzers were hatching throughout the day although the 'killer fly' seemed to be the red buzzer.

Seven Members turned out for a memorable day's fly-fishing. The weather was amazing for the month of March, touching the 70's F in the afternoon.

The lake was well stocked with trout (and pike as a few of us found out!) mainly around the 2.5 mark but a few 10 lb Brownies were spotted swimming by, but couldn't be coaxed to take the fly.

A Few of our Members at Bushyleaze



Our Members all caught at least 3 fish each and what a pleasure to see the fish chasing the flies across the surface in spite of the bright early summer sun.

We heard the Great Spotted Woodpeckers drumming their message of courtship as we fished, and a red kite was seen gliding high over the lake.

Perhaps a bit early yet to see the House Martins and Swallows wheeling across the water, what a feast they would have had!

The venue is about 50 miles from B-on-A and being an early Sunday morning, took us just over the hour to arrive there. Certainly highly recommended, good quality, hard fighting fish slamming hard into the buzzer. Maurice nearly lost his rod with one wrenching take!

We couldn't have asked for a better day, it was one to be remembered.

The results of the Competition for the D&J Ridout Shield are:

1stTim Pullen.....4 fish....13lbs.10ozs.

2ndMaurice Dyer....4 fish.....11lbs.12ozs.

3rdGerry Tinson.....4 fish....10lbs.12ozs.

Congratulations Tim on a Splendid and Well Deserved win.

Maurice wins the delicious bottle of fishing-plonk with the heaviest Rainbow of 3lbs.10ozs



Maurice unhooking his plonk-winning Rainbow!

The River Frome will receive a stocking of Browns and Rainbows on Friday 11th May. Members are welcome to attend to see the trout go in, and help with light bank clearing.....



FISHTAILS on line

(Control and click to follow these links)

KILLER FISH...

Scroll right to the bottom of the page. There are some real beauties.

- <http://animal.discovery.com/fish/river-monsters/killer-fish-photos/pictures.html#mkcpgn=emapl1>

- Watch this...

It happened at a Brazilian beach:

["http://elcomercio.pe/player/1384898](http://elcomercio.pe/player/1384898)

- The West Country Angling website has a page of tips on fishing for Brown Trout in Devon Rivers by a local instructor. This might be helpful to anyone fishing the Mole and Yeo. To get to it try 'control and click' :-
www.westcountryangling.com

select: 'TOKEN SCHEME FISHING'

From menus on left of screen select - **fishing information**
and then - **brown trout**.

- AN OLD MYTH:

"Behold the fisherman

He riseth up early and disturbeth the whole household.

MIGHTY ARE HIS PREPARATIONS!

He goeth forth full of hope and when the day is far spent he returneth
Smelling of strong drink, and the truth is not in him".

- As the Irish saying goes "if you can see the colour of the grass you're either too late or too early to catch fish".

- FOR SALE
'Craghoppers' Trousers - Outdoor Wear.
Brand New (not worn) - no tags.
Waist: 34-36". Inside Leg: 31"
Colour: Grey.
£15. (£30 in shops)
Please contact Tim Pullen - 07809 758167.



HAPPY FISHING.....BOB

PS.

A Pastor goes to the dentist for a set of false teeth. The first Sunday after he gets his new teeth, he talks for only eight minutes. The second Sunday, he talks for only ten minutes. The following Sunday, he talks for 2 hours and 48 minutes.

The congregation had to mob him to get him down from the pulpit and they asked him what happened.

The Pastor explains the first Sunday his gums hurt so bad he couldn't talk for more than 8 minutes. The second Sunday his gums hurt too much to talk for more than 10 minutes. But, the third Sunday, he put his wife's teeth in by mistake and he couldn't shut up...