

THE WEST WILTS FLYFISHERS GUILD

WWFFG



Members of the Wild Trout Trust

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

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2014 NEWSLETTER

The Guild Meeting and an Extraordinary Meeting to elect a new Treasurer will have taken place on Wednesday 10th September. More Details will be in next months Newsletter.

Guild Meeting at the Shaw Hotel - Wednesday 8th October 2014.

Tackle Auction - 7:30 for 8:00pm.

Your friendly Auctioneer will be Andy Moore.

Come along and see if you can bag yourself a bargain!

If you intend to sell items at the auction, please let Andy know in plenty of time so that he can collate a list of items for the auction.

Looking Forward :

Sunday October 19th - THE CHRISTMAS HAMPER COMPETITION.

The same venue as last year -

Mill Farm Trout Lakes, Worton

Nr. Devizes. Sat Nav: SN10 5UW

We shall fish a 3 fish ticket, rods in at 9:00am to weigh in at 3:00pm.

As always a Superb Christmas Hamper awaits the winning Member.

The heaviest bag of 3 fish will win..... not forgetting the single heaviest fish caught - will win the bottle of exciting fishing plonk!

To help our newer Members, Roger will place some directional signs near to Mill Farm to guide them in.

The Hamper is a **fabulous prize** (I ought to know, I won it last year!) and it is well worth a visit to try your luck.

HAVE YOU TRIED MANNINGFORD LAKES?

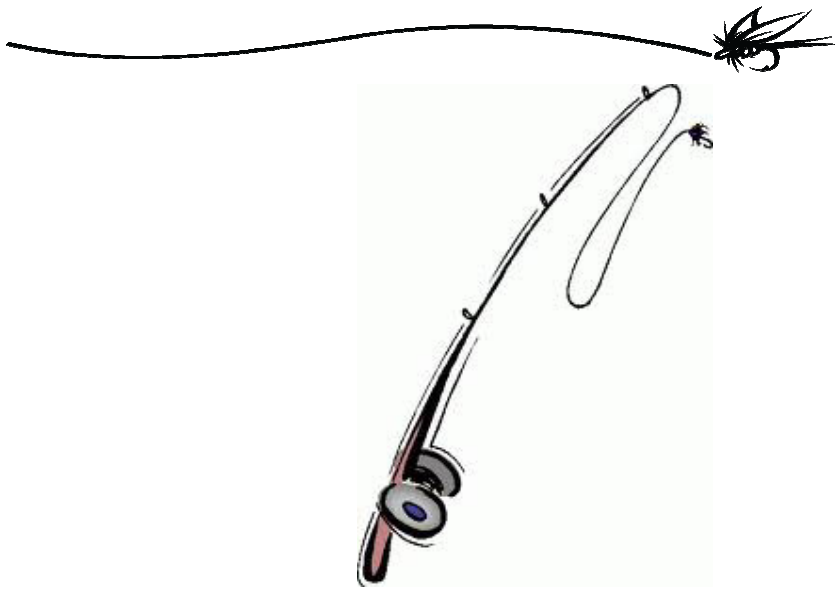
Roger fished **Manningford** three times in last three weeks - loads of fish visible all over and in decent condition. Sometimes easy to catch and sometimes challenging, especially to get the biggies. Nice clear water too and good facilities at the lodge - ladies and gents loos (there are even nappy changing facilities !!!)

There is free coffee on-tap and tables and chairs arranged for you to have your lunch inside or out.

Three fish ticket ...£30

Address: Manningford Bohune, Pewsey, Wiltshire. Sat nav: SN9 6NR

Phone: 01980 630033



ROD BUILDING with Roger McCourteny - first session 21st October

At our September meeting on the 10th, Roger followed-up the introductory talk he gave at our meeting in May, by asking those who wish to build a rod with him to specify the rod they want to build - small brook, river, stillwater or salmon. This has meant selecting the handle type, reel seat, rod rings etc that they prefer, so their rod will be truly personal and unique. Naturally the various alternatives available all have different price tags, but £150 is a guide price for the various components required to produce a rod of which you can be proud.

We couldn't get the original dates we wanted so **these are now the confirmed six dates agreed with the Hotel for the rod building sessions:-**

Tuesday 21st October - Wednesday 29th October - Tuesday 4th

November - Tuesday 11th November - Monday 17th November, and finally Tuesday 25th November. From 7.00pm till 9.00pm.

All should be finished early enough for someone generous you may know to wrap it for you for Christmas!

Thursday 6th November - The Rivers Meeting

Jon Jonik will chair the meeting as in previous years.

A Reminder to all river members to send completed angling returns using the Guild form, to Malcolm Bond for the Mole and Yeo, and to Roger Henderson for the River Frome - sooner rather than later please so the information can be collated and analysed ready for the Rivers meeting.

All Members welcome to attend.

Sunday 9th November - Grayling Fishing on the River Wylie

In 2013 only three members committed to attending this event.

There needs to be 10/12 members taking part to cover costs.

Richard Cripps is organising this day, so please contact Richard during the coming week if you would like to participate.

Wednesday 12th November - Guild Meeting - 7:30 for 8:00pm.

The Speaker will be **Dr Mark Everard** his talk entitled

"aquatic biologist by training, fisherman by nature".

Mark has written nine books on fish, fishing and the environment; the latest being - '*The Little Book of Fantastic Fishes*'. He has worked for the Environment Agency and is a research fellow with University of West of England. He has close involvement with a number of key wildlife organisations and is an advisor to several, such as the Trout & Salmon Association and the Thames Rivers Trust. He is a founding Director of the Bristol Avon Rivers Trust. As an Environmentalist he has an international influence and, as a passionate game and coarse fisherman with particular enthusiasm for roach, he has fished on all five continents. Unsurprisingly he is a highly engaging, well-informed and an entertaining speaker.

More info on Google and youtube (Mark plays a pretty good ukelele)!

Friday 21st November - The Grand Guild Dinner at the Shaw Hotel

As in the last few years we shall be holding the Guild Dinner at the Shaw Country Hotel. Mike Harris has now got the Menu to hand and will be circulating this shortly.

As always there will be presents for our Ladies, good seasonal fare and a tricky table quiz with a prize for the winning team.

Our rod raffle will be in place as will the table raffle.



Anyone considering a late season visit to the Mole/Yeo?

One of our members has found a "good" B&B about a mile from Bish Mill:

West Down Farm B&B is at Whitechapel near South Molton

Post code: EX36 3EQ

Tel: Sally Darley 01769 550839

e-mail: enquiries@westdown-devon.co.uk

They have 6 en-suite bedrooms.



From fish, fishing and Fishermen - William Cane

It is a lie that fishermen lie?

A lie is a statement made with intention to deceive.

No fisherman makes such statements.

For since every fisherman to whom another fisherman asserts that, on such a day and in such a place, he slew so many trouts or barbels or whitebaits, weighing so much - since every such first fisherman automatically divides number and weight by three, halves that and knocks off ninety per cent from the quotient (or whatever it is), he - the first fisherman - when in his turn he tells a story of the same sort to yet another, a third fisherman, confidently expects that third fisherman to treat his (the firsts) in the same fashion. Now such a man may not justly be accused of lying, he does no more than follow a well-recognised and convenient custom. Fishermen are simply confirmed and painstaking truth-tellers, who all happen to react a little feebly

to a certain kind of stimulus. No; if its liars you're looking for don't search the banks of a stream. Go to the golf-links .

A REPORT ON FULLINGBRIDGE FISHING AND BBQ DAY 9TH July 2014

Our annual visit to the Fullingbridge lake, courtesy of the Fullingbridge Syndicate, was held in ideal conditions. The weather was fine and sunny with a breeze blowing from a westerly direction. A few fish were rising during the afternoon but many more could be seen cruising along the edge of the growth of weed a few feet from the bank.

Sixteen WWFFG members fished and Richard Cripps made an appearance to give the benefit of his advice and experience. We were allowed to take the first two fish caught and then fish on, releasing subsequent fish back to the water. In the event only two members took their two fish - Chris Holt, who won the 'Ron Douch' Fullingbridge Tankard for the afternoons heaviest catch of 2lb 11oz - just beating David Little's weight of 2lb 9oz - to take the trophy. The heaviest individual fish was caught by Maurice Dyer with a rainbow of 1lb 12oz thus earning him the bottle of wine and the sweepstake.

Gerry Barnes cooked the Bar-B-Q again this year with the help of Elaine, partner of WWFFG member Trevor James. Gerry did a fantastic job cooking the burgers and sausages and Elaine took the event to a new high with some superb salads and coleslaws she had prepared at home. Thank you to both Gerry and Elaine for helping to make the event the such a success.



*Congratulations to Chris Holt for winning
The 'Fullingbridge Ron Douch Tankard'*

Is the Pheasant Tail Nymph a fly for all seasons?

Of all the flies obtainable it truly is the Pheasant Tail Nymph (PTN) which may be most indicative of real trout food throughout the course of the season. The original pattern tied by English River Keeper Frank Sawyer, utilizes the butt ends belonging to the Pheasant to develop a wing case.



A practical variant is the fly tied as a gold bead head. Frank didn't aim to indicate legs in the pheasant tail nymph as he had observed that nymphs tuck them inwards while swimming. He devised the pheasant tail nymph to be used at the River Avon in Wiltshire, it instantly grew to become world famous. Frank's book 'Nymphs and Trout' first published in 1958 describes the method of tying plus fishing the PTN.

The key theme in his fly fishing flies is simplicity. Frank Sawyer is also renowned for the Sawyer Killer Bug, tied with the legendary Chadwick's 477 wool originally used for darning socks!

WWFFG PHOTO COMPETITION

We have around 14 photos submitted for our Photograph Competition to be judged by our Ladies on The Guild Dinner evening on November 21st.

We still need more photos ! If you have any suitable snaps for the competition which are vaguely connected with our pastime, please send them to me at flyfishing007@gmail.com . Photos will be included on our website available for viewing on the 'home' page following the link.

There is a Trophy for the winning entrant. Thank you.

Note from Roger H..... End of August

"I thought I was having a remarkably good day fishing the Wylve at Stapleford - catching two 18" browns within the space of twenty minutes. Both on spent mayfly patterns; When I took a closer look later that day at the photos I couldn't 'spot the difference'.

It seems some trout just don't learn from experience!
Roger sent photos of the two fine fish he had caught !!!



Dry spent Mayfly



HAPPY FISHING.....BOB

PS. How about this as a Venue for the 2015 Guild Dinner?



This amazing photo, shows a Candle Lit Dinner at
Tianjin Haichang Polar Ocean World

The event was organised to celebrate the upcoming Mid-Autumn Festival, a harvest festival celebrated in China and Vietnam.

Tianjin Haichang Polar Ocean World opened in the city of Tianjin, southeast of Beijing,

It gives visitors a chance to see more than 150 large animals from the Arctic and Antarctic regions, including polar bears. It is home to more than 30,000 polar and sea creatures, including sharks, jellyfish, seals, penguins, sea lions and beluga whales.

