



Sussex Branch Newsletter



MARCH 2012

An Auction with a difference, of things you can't normally buy

10 very special and absolutely unique hosted fishing days and fishing related auction lots will be up for auction at our end of season gathering on the 12th of April 2012, (following Bill Smith's rod raffle and Prize giving). All the proceeds will go to our Sussex Branch FDG Club funds. I would like to thank the following for their extraordinary generosity and goodwill, including some very special friends of our club.

Doug Chalmers	of Ashbourne
Phil Waller	Vintage tackle collector and dealer
Brian Smart	Environmental agency/angling trust (some of you will have met Brian at the casting clinics, demonstrating Hardy and Greys rods)

And also to club members

Brian Raw
Alan Middleton
Brian Hendry
Tony Woolnough
Bill Black

I realise that for a variety of reasons not everybody can make the end of season gathering on the 12th April, and would like everybody to have the opportunity of bidding for these special auction lots. You can make a bid (or bids) prior to the auction either via email or by letter, (see attached form). The letter can contain a bid or indeed a range of bids. All bids sealed or by email should be sent to Roy Gurney at: 7 Eldred Avenue, Brighton, East Sussex BN1 5EB, or by email roygurney@ntlworld.com.

Bids are not limited solely to members of the guild, anybody can bid. The full list of auction lots, how to bid etc. is on a separate page with this newsletter.

So get your bids in to secure what will be a memorable and thoroughly enjoyable fishing experience, with the knowledge that our club is benefitting from the funds raised.

Tony Harrison

Lost Fly Dresser

John Cooper has lost his Winter 2009 issue of the Fly Dresser, and would like to know if anybody has a spare issue, or one that they do not want that he could have.



Bill's new snazzy footwear



This is the latest must have fishing footwear for the 2012 season, as modelled by our very own Bill Smith

Annual Dinner 28th April 2012

Don't forget to book up for the annual dinner at Wickwoods Country Club. This is the perfect way to say thank you to your loved ones for all the fishing trips that you have been on and intend to go on in the future.

Chairman's Chat

Replay

It is my experience that anglers who have not visited a particular venue may have difficulty in finding it. Fishery owners frequently make no attempt to direct anglers to a particular site. I have had difficulty in the past. I know of one fishery where the first direction is placed half way down the drive to the site. In another case, I asked for the address of the site and was given detailed instruction turn by turn for a 60 mile drive - even if I could remember the directions I was not going to make the effort. The address or the post code would have been fine.



The help members navigate, with Committee approval, I have obtained three site locators for the FDG members - as above. The proposal is that the person who arranges the fishing will place these at suitable positions (eg each side of the road etc) and remove them when all the members have found the site. The locators are to be kept in the store room.

Tony W

KEITH WALLINGTON

Our speaker for February was the renowned South African who is now resident in the UK. Keith has fished (and still fishes) all over the world, and he entertained us royally with an amusing and witty description of some of his exploits fishing for various species on the fly.

He also demonstrated the efficacy of his own fly patterns to meet the sometimes difficult conditions and then showed us how to tie those most applicable to our likely fishing. He then generously offered those attending material to tie them themselves - let's hope the results justify his generosity!

The feeling was that he could have entertained us for hours more - we can't wait to have a return visit.

RG

IRRITATING NOISES OFF

One of our members has commented on Keith Wallington's talk as "one of the best we've had - could have listened to him all night". However he felt that it was somewhat spoilt by constant interruption by mobile phones - he counted seven during the evening! Whilst not wishing to ban them altogether, surely it would be best if we all switched to "silent" (the vibrator warning can be most stimulating!!) and crept out to answer (or even switched them off)?

Membership Vacancies

The Sussex Piscatorial Society has a limited number of membership vacancies in the trout section for anyone living in the East Sussex area. Membership subs remain the same as last year at £250.00 plus a one off joining fee of £50.00.

This has to be the best value fishing for quality rainbow and brown trout fishing in the south of England. See our website at www.sussexpiscatorialsociety.co.uk for application form or contact the Membership Secretary Terry Scragg at terriscragg@btinternet.com or on 01243 551473. Or make contact with the Trout Curator Bob Burbidge at the FDG evenings or on 07836713586 or troutcurator@sussexpiscatorialsociety.co.uk

Bob Burbidge

WEIL'S DISEASE

Boring though it may be, it is also worth repeating this article, too. Weil's Disease (Leptospirosis) is a bacterial infection carried in rats' urine, which contaminates water and the banks of lakes, rivers and ponds.

The early symptoms are similar to those of 'flu and normally start 3 to 19 days after exposure to contaminated water. Every year people die from this disease, which is unnecessary because it is easily treated if diagnosed in time.

DON'T LET IT HAPPEN TO YOU!

There are a number of sensible precautions you can take:

- Cover any cuts, sores or scratches with waterproof plasters or gloves
- Disinfect any wounds that occur at the Waterside
- Do not put your hand in your mouth after immersing in river water and never place bait or fishing line in your mouth
- Do not touch dead animals, especially rats
- If you develop 'flu-like symptoms that persist, tell your doctor that you may have been exposed to leptospirosis so the he/she can consider it in the diagnosis
- Do not leave food, ground bait or bait on the bankside.

After all that- enjoy yourself, keep safe and tight lines!!!

Competition Flies

Don't forget this years competition flies. They have to be in on or by 22nd March for the Branch Competition and 1st April for the main Guild Competition.

Country Experience Day

MEON SPRINGS



Sunday 15th April

Bring your family for a great day



Fly Fishing and Field Sports

Try your hand at fishing, clay shooting, archery and air rifles. View demonstrations of casting, gundogs and falconry.



Farming

Ride on a 200hp tractor. Watch the cows being milked. Learn about thatching and see vintage machinery at work.



Families and Glamping

New this year, a family area at Meon Springs Yurt Village. View our Mongolian Yurts, Crafts and Activities for the Kids



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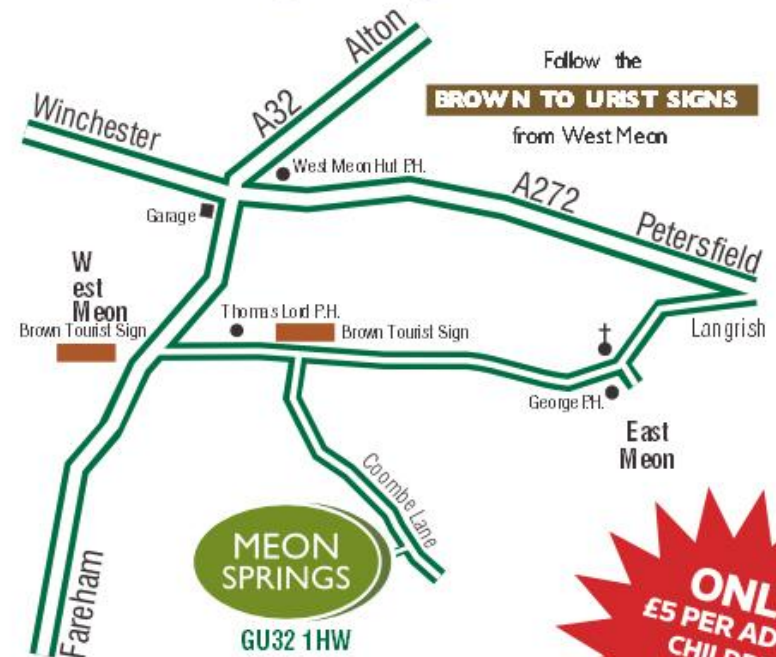
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Country Experience Day



Sunday 15th April 2012
10am - 4pm

Lots for all the family. Dogs welcome.
Come along and try something new!!



Fly Fishing Yurt Holidays Self-Storage

April's Speaker

The speaker for April is going to be Chris Watson, Secretary of NW Branch FDG

Fly Tying Competition 2011/12

Don't forget to get your entries in!

The Intermediate class is open to all who have not won a prize at Intermediate or Open, and anyone can enter for any class above his qualifying level.

Closing dates for entries are 26th March 2011 for the Branch, and 1st April for the main Guild.

Beginners (Novice): Soldier Palmer variant (summer 2010)

Intermediate: Dafydd Lloyd (Autumn 2010)

Open: Silver Doctor variant (summer 2011)

Saltwater/Pike: Red Ghost Special (winter 2010)

Salmon: Hydro Fly (Spring 2011)

Dry Fly: (suggested for Albert Horne Memorial Trophy) Rolled Wing Olive (Winter 2010)

A matched pair of each pattern is required, and your entries can be doubled up for entry to both Branch and Guild competitions.

We are particularly looking forward to the entries for the new categories of Salmon and Salt Water/Pike – come on you specialists!



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Brass Monkeys February 26th 2012 (Results)

1st Fish of the day 1.4lb Gerry Newland
Biggest Fish 4.7lb Wayne Duerden

2nd Biggest Fish 4.5lb Paul Davis
Smallest Fish 1.5lb Peter Naisbit
Best Brown 4.2lb Steve Mustchin
Biggest Bag 7.8lb Tony Harrison
2nd Biggest Bag 4.75lb Ray Fisher
Smallest Bag (2 fish) 2.95lb Nigel Duckworth
1st Fish pm 1.7lb Bill Black
Best Blanker Ian Dunk

Wayne Duerden & Bill Smith

And yes I did make it a hat trick, by blanking once again.

Pre-Christmas at Brick Farm Lakes

The Pre-Christmas fishing competition at Brick Farm Lakes is to include partners for the lunchtime period.



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