



**Rossett and Griffin Flyfishers Club**  
**Established (as Rossett and Gresford) 1906**

**President**-Paul Leng                      **Chairman**-Howard Stevens                      **Treasurer**-John Coates  
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**Secretary**-Mark Pierce    **Bank Clearing**-Bob Pemberton  
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**Minutes of the AGM**  
**Held at the Griffin, Gresford, on Monday 20th October 2003**

The 2003 AGM of the Rossett and Griffin Flyfishers was opened by the chairman at 7.30pm in the presence of 26 members. Prior to the meeting, apologies from 10 members were received.

**1. Chairman's Introduction/Report**

The Chairman gave an overview of the 2003 season in his introduction, referring to the following:

- A good season in general
- Many fish remaining at season end, with anticipated over wintering of stock fish
- Fly life sparser, especially sedges and mayfly
- Bank work general - new tools purchased
- Bank work sewage works – negotiations with Welsh Water continuing and no date yet fixed for work to proceed.
- Weed transplanting – source of weed arranged from Dee at Bangor
- Poaching - incidents and actions – EA bailiff has been more active this year particularly checking licences.
- Bailiff duties – Phil Bell retirement
- Mink trapping – EA involvement
- Bird and bat boxes erected
- Subscriptions – held at £44 for 2004 season
- Retirement of treasurer and secretary

**2. Secretary's Report**

**Membership** – Membership stood at approx. 111 during 2003 (including free-issue tickets).

**Position** - The secretary announced his decision to retire from the position due to work commitments. The chairman thanked Bryan for his hard work and was pleased to note that he will remain a member of the club.

**3. Treasurers Report**

**Financial Position**- There was a small financial surplus for the season, partly because no rent had been paid for the Griffin water.

The treasurer announced his decision to retire from the position and from the committee. George was thanked for his work as treasurer over the past few years by John Coates, and a presented with mounted cigarette cards of freshwater fish in appreciation.

**4. Election of Officers (Officiated by the President)**

The President spoke on the success of the club for the 2004 season, and proposed a vote of thanks for the work of the officers and committee. .

**Chairman** – Howard Stevens elected as Chairman of Rossett & Griffin Flyfishers Club

**Secretary** – Mark Pierce elected as Secretary “ “ “ “ “

**Treasurer** – John Coates elected as Treasurer “ “ “ “ “

**Committee** – Existing committee members were re-elected. Bert Harold would retire from the committee if a replacement could be found. No proposals came from the floor and Bert will continue to serve in the short term

## 5. AOB

- **New Members Day** – Agreed this would be repeated in 2004.
- **Assistance to members** – Suggestions from members requested to assist new members with introduction to river fishing.
- **Access to Water** – Not as much work done as hoped. This to be a priority during winter.
- **Fly Dressing and Recognition (Orvis)** – The meeting was not as well attended as hoped, but those attending found it well worthwhile. To be repeated in 2004
- **Alyn Valley Fishery** – Has not proved any benefit to the club or Alyn in general. Club to notify EA of withdrawal from this organisation.
- **Sources of Funding** – Money is available but still proving difficult to obtain. HS pursuing Habitat Improvement Scheme options with reports and photographic evidence. Artesian well for Evan Jones to be pursued through Wild Trout Trust.
- **Map of the Waters/Members Handbook** – Booklet being put together by Eddie Wilkinson/Simon Hayes. To be issued to membership when complete.
- **Catch returns** – Returns are still slow to come in, even with the prize draw as an incentive.
- **Stocking Policy** – On advice from EA, approximately 2000 free issue small fish were stocked in addition to normal stockings of larger fish. This will be repeated if proving that some of these have grown on and stayed in the river.
- **Bailiff Duties** – Phil Bell has retired and will be replaced by Paul Davies. Telephone numbers of police and bailiffs to be circulated to the membership.
- **Bank Work** – Still lots to be done. Catch returns to be analysed for members' availability. Suggestion from Eddie Jackson that Sunday work be from 10am to 4pm. Bob Pemberton to be the contact for bank work parties.
- **Prize Draw**- All parties who had catch returns received before or at the AGM were entered. Prize winners were:

Free membership for 2004 season - Eddie Wilkinson  
Leeda fly rod – Bryan Powell  
Orvis fly reel – J.Wakeman

Bryan Powell – General Secretary (retiring)  
17<sup>th</sup> November 2003