



# Rossett and Gresford Flyfishers Club

## Established (as Rossett and Gresford) 1906

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Chairman- Howard Stevens  
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### Minutes of the AGM

#### Held at the Griffin, Gresford, on Monday 31st October 2005

The chairman in the presence of 28 members opened the 2005 AGM of the Rossett and Gresford Flyfishers. Prior to the meeting, apologies from 6 members were received.

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

The Chairman gave an overview of the 2005 season, which is summarised in the Chairman's report attached.

In addition the following points were reported

- There was a good hatch of Large Dark Olives and Medium Dark Olives this year.
- Jeff Priestly has waived the rent again this year in recognition of the work we are doing in maintaining the river. Our thanks to Mr Priestly.
- Subscriptions – held at £44 for 2005 season

#### 2. Secretary's Report.

- **Membership** – The club had another good year in maintaining its full membership of 120. Once again we lost members due to a variety of reasons but they were replaced with new members. Total number of new members 21. We currently have a waiting list for the 2006 season.
- A new membership system is being introduced this year. This in the form of a booklet, which is returned when the annual fee is paid. It also includes the Club rules.

#### 3. Treasurers Report

- **Financial Position**- A balance sheet was circulated showing the income and expenditure over the last 12 months. There was a financial surplus for the season.
- The current Treasurer, Mr. John Coates, will retire next year. Mr Bob Haydock has agreed to take over when John retires.

#### 4. Presidents Report

The President spoke on the success of the club for the 2005 season, and proposed a vote of thanks for the work of the officers and committee.

- The river is fishing better now than when the club used to stock with up to 1,200 fish per season. There are more fish surviving the winter, which is due to the improvements to the river. The President thanked the Sunday morning working party.

- The Centenary book is progressing well; however, anyone with additional stories and/or favourite flies that have been successful on the river will be greatly appreciated for inclusion in the book.

## **5. Election of Officers (Officiated by the President)**

Three committee members have resigned – Mr. Bob Harper, Mr. Brian Harper and Mr. Bryan Powell. The Committee would like to thank them for their contributions over the past years.

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

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

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

**Committee** – Existing committee members were re-elected.

There were no other nominations for the committee.

## **6. AOB**

- The club is still trying to encourage youngsters to become members. The Club and the EA are contacting local schools to try and encourage youngsters to take up angling. This is an ongoing EA project.
- A discussion took place on fly recognition. A number of members are interested in this and the Club will try and set something up next year.
- Catch Returns: - Catch returns information was circulated. This year the river was split into sections on a map and the fish caught were cross-referenced with the sections of the river. However, the response from those asked to make returns was very poor. There is a real need to provide information in order to be able to make decisions on stocking requirements.
- Access to the river: - A number of members have requested better access to the river and more seats. The Sunday morning working party will start installing steps etc. during the winter.

There being no other business the meeting closed.

Mark Pierce – Secretary

31<sup>st</sup> October 2005