

Thames Valley Fly Dressers Guild Branch

Secretary's Report to AGM Jan 2025 at mid-point of 2024-25 Tying Season

Formal Meetings etc.

The only formal meeting to report on was our AGM, held January 4th, 2024, in the Cherry Tree Inn, Stoke Row. Draft minutes have been previously circulated, my apologies for the delay in issuing these. As no comments or corrections were received, a final version accompanies this report.

Membership, Attendance and Venue.

I thank our branch Instructor, Mr Peter Watson for keeping excellent attendance records and for the statistical attendance analysis in his report. There are about 25 names on the current email list, but several members are inactive or have moved away from the area. Attendance at evening tying sessions fluctuates unpredictably, from as low as seven to eleven on a good night. The average attendance post COVID is lower but has improved of late.

There are aspects of The Cherry Tree Inn that make it less than ideal as a venue: inaccessibility for some members, poor lighting, hard to reach mains sockets and cramped conditions when we cannot use the larger dining room. Discussion of a move to another site is on the agenda for the AGM.

Communications

Secretary's duties have been light, mainly to pass on notice of FDG competitions and to keep the FDG informed of our activities, officers and contact details.

Website

Many thanks to Mr Simon Walter for his overhaul and maintenance of our website since the last AGM. See <https://www.thamesvalleyflydressers.co.uk>.

I also wish to thank Mr John Alcock, our previous website manager, for all his work in establishing and updating the website over many years.

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