

The Flydressers Guild Sussex Branch



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Reminder
The 2023/24 fly tying season
starts Thursday 7th
September 2023 at Clayton
Village Hall at 1900 hours.

Club Embroided Clothing

Tony Kaatze has been going through the Caps and Shirts we have in stock and we have the following:

Item	No.	Price
Woolly Hats	6	£7.00
Caps	10	£10.00

Green Polo Shirts

Large	2	£12.00
X Large	2	£12.00
2X Large	1	£12.00

Green Sweatshirts

Small	1	£12.00
Large	1	£12.00
X Large	1	£12.00

Blue Polo Shirt

Large	1	£12.00
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In addition we have 4 mugs with a decoration of a Fly (to be priced)

Tony will be bringing the stock to the first meeting in September.

Club Changes

Although this information has been sent to everyone via email already I thought it appropriate to send out this information again at this time about changes to the club's arrangements prior to the date for renewal of subscriptions in September. There are 2 key changes:

- i) An increase in branch subscriptions to £20 per annum.**
- ii) A reduction of tying nights to twice a month rather than once per week.**

The need for this results from reduced income and increased outgoings, as venue hire has gone up and sadly membership has declined. The committee, having consulted several regular tiers and our instructors and discussed the issue in depth, have decided this is the most straightforward option going forward.

Whilst the change in subscription may seem quite a jump, it partly stems from the price perhaps remaining unchanged for too long and we believe it still constitutes very good value for money when compared to many other “hobby-based activities”.

The meeting nights will be from 7.00 pm at the Clayton Village Hall on the first and third Thursday of each month from September 7th till April 4th.

The committee did investigate a variety of alternative venues but none provided the combination of reasonable price, free parking and centrality of access, particularly for our instructors. The attachments show the proposed programme of tying nights but the key word going forward is **flexibility**. Jim Harris, for example, favours a skills based approach to his instruction rather than slavishly following the main Guild levels based programme. However, the club will provide tuition and support for any member who wants to aim towards the accreditation levels offered by the main Guild.

So I hope you find that these changes are acceptable and that you can commit to the club this coming season. **Andy Wood as membership secretary will be in touch shortly with the details you need to renew or indeed start your membership.**