



The Guild of Taxidermists

Established 1976

Annual  
Conference 2011  
The Hayes Conference  
Centre

Swanwick, Alfreton,  
Derbyshire

*Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March  
to  
Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March*

\_\_\_\_\_ Friday \_\_\_\_\_

From

15:00 Arrival and registration of members and their exhibits.

18:45 DINNER

21:00 Social evening in bar.

Note: Throughout the conference there will be extra activities. Trade stands, glass eyes and displays. Members are invited to assist to raise Guild funds by bringing along taxidermy books, artefacts, casts and surplus materials and specimens for auction and raffle prizes.

The Guild of Taxidermists reserves the right to change the programme and refuse entry to any non member. The decision of the committee members present will be final.

\_\_\_\_\_ Saturday

8:30 BREAKFAST

9:15 Welcome from Chairman

9:30 Legal and other updates

Kim McDonald and Laurence Dowson -  
The usual updates and comedy of the  
law

10:00 Mounting a roe head

Maurice Bouten - Preparation for  
mounting a roe head

11:00 TEA/COFFEE

11:30 Extreme Taxidermy - Humans and  
elephants

Dr Pat Morris - insights from the dark  
side of taxidermy

12:30 Group photo

12:45 LUNCH

Time for participating members to judge  
the competitions.

14:30 Mounting roe head continuation

Maurice Bouten will continue with  
mounting the roe head. In this time  
coffee will be served.

17:00 AGM

(open to fully paid up members of the  
Guild)

18:45 DINNER

Followed by Results of Competitions and  
Credits, Raffles etc

20:00 Avian Challenge

Jack Fishwick will lead the judging of the  
specimens with the audience deciding  
the winner. This judging takes place in  
the main demonstration area.

Sunday

8:30 BREAKFAST

9:30 Basic tanning

Drew Baine - talking through the process  
of basic tanning

10:00 Further adventures with compo...

Dave Astley - colouring of compo

10:30 TO BE ARRANGED

Details to follow watch the website

11:00 TEA/COFFEE

11:30 Finishing of a roe deer mount

Maurice Bouten - he will conclude his  
demonstration

12:30 LUNCH

13:45 Close of Conference 2011 - still time to  
buy from the taxidermy supply shop

# COMPETITIONS

## PROFESSIONAL

*Best Bird, Best Mammal, Best Fish/Reptile,  
Best Game Head*

## AMATEUR

*Best Bird, Best Mammal, Best Fish/Reptile,  
Best Game Head*

## THEME COMPETITION

*Best Artistic Interpretation of a Theme  
This years theme Global warming'*

## THE WAGSTAFFE TROPHY

*Best Cased Exhibit*

## NORFOLK TROPHY

*Best Ground Work*

## BEST AMATEUR

## DON SHARP MEMORIAL TROPHY

## BEST IN SHOW

## Information

Please note: ALL specimens are to be registered by 9.30am Saturday morning.

If you have work on display, please take the time to fill out one of the Judging Slips. Your opinions count. An hour has been set aside after Lunch on Saturday for judging for competitions. Please return the completed forms to the registrar's desk as soon as possible.

Conference Organiser

Mr Steve Toher

Tel: 0114 269 8046

## *Speakers:*

### *Kim McDonald*

Guilds legal representative and liaison with RSPB, DEFRA, Police

### *Dave Astley*

Long time Guild stalwart and well known as "Compo man" Dave, also a long history of experimentation in taxidermy display techniques

### *Dr Pat Morris*

Britain's and foremost authority on the history of taxidermy and a conference institution

### *Jack Fish wick*

International judge at all the major taxidermy shows and winner of numerous competitions Jack is a truly globetrotting taxidermist having worked in four countries prior to his current role at the National Museum of Scotland

### *Maurice Bouten*

Award winning Dutch Taxidermist from a long established family taxidermy and Supply business.

### *Laurence Dowson*

Past Chair and E,H&S professional for a global paint manufacturer in real life!

### *Drew Baine*

Preparator at the National museum of Scotland

## Avian Challenge

The bird this year is the magpie and the photo to be copied from:

<http://www.birdphoto.fi/laiikuvat/kuvahtml/Opicpic028.html>

The competition for this year is: