



The Grayling Society

Newsletter

Area 8

January 2016

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Have a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous
New Year

Grayling Fishers
(Talks)



For those who missed Jack Perks talk at the Mickleover AGM last year Jack gave us an updated talk and power point presentation about his work. His passion for filming and photographing native fish in their natural environment was obvious and has involved him with the BBC with such programmes at Spring watch and Countryfile as well as working with John Bailey on the series of programmes Mr Crabtree.

Jack's series of power point photographs showed the habits of a range of fish from a different perspective, one which in general we can only imagine. We very rarely have the opportunity to see fish as other fish see them. It seems Jack is very willing to don waders or wet suit to obtain the desired shots of his quarry. During and after his talk the audience asked one or two very searching question about his work. For the 30+ people who attended the feeling was that Jack was a speaker they would like to see again.

As well as his very interesting and informative talk He brought all for sale some of his photographs of wildlife , some of which he has included in his 2016 calendar.



Some of Jack's pictures and calendar.

Your speakers for the new year

January 13 Mike Green

Angling Escapades

Although Mike is a passionate pike fisherman, he is an all-round angler who loves all types of fishing. He has travelled to many countries in pursuit of all manner of fish - including carp fishing in Ireland and France, to catching Peacock Bass from the Amazon and Rooster fish in Baja, Mexico.

February 10 Stuart Crofts

Stuart needs no introduction, this time he will be doing some fly tying, and importantly talking about how and when to fish the flies, helpful for those who don't make their own flies.

March 9 Dave Southall

A Fly for All Seasons

Dave is a regular contributor to angling magazines, and well known for his imitative flies. Dave will be showing us the invertebrates that one might expect to encounter at any season of the year and the imitations that might be used for both trout and grayling.

All at the Rutland Hotel Bakewell starting 7.30 pm.

Don't forget we restart our Fly Tying evenings at the Rutland Hotel Bakewell on the **4th January 2016** then every last Monday in the month until the end of March.

Brian

Orvis Bakewell **Flies and Pies Evening.**

For the second year running on the 3rd of December Orvis at Bakewell held an evening of Fly Tying and Mince Pies.



As well as Stuart Crofts demonstrating tying flies from extra large #18 down to #30 (that's why he needs his head goggle band) I took along the Society stand and literature.



The night was quite busy, with many faces old and new, coming along to watch and talk, to both Stuart and me. Although this year I did not manage to sign up any new members, but, several people were interested in the Society and its work took and away application forms.



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My thanks to Marie and her team for firstly inviting the Society, for a second year, and of course their hospitality, plying all with mince pies and drinks (my tippie was tea).

Brian **Fly Tiers Corner**



Winter Brown

This fly is a good fly for Autumn and Spring and is usually taken for Stoneflies and Needle flies.

Materials

Hook; TMC 105 BL # 15
Thread; Pearsall's 6a (Orange)
Body; Pearsall's 6a (Orange)
Hackle; Woodcock under-coverts
Head; Peacock herl

Method

- 1) Tie on the thread for about Three turns
- 2) Catch in the peacock herl and wind back to form the head (three or four turns)
- 3) Strip one side of the hackle and tie in by the tip.
- 4) Bind down hackle tip and in touching turns work the thread down the body then back up to the hackle.
- 5) Wind the hackle towards the bend of the hook and whip finish.

Brian

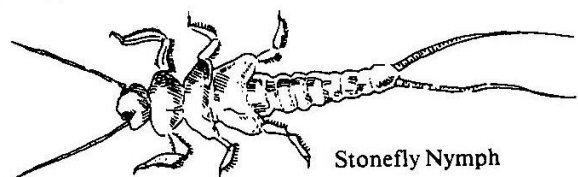


Illustration from; Robson's Guide

Christmas fishing

Over the Christmas period I have managed to get out once or twice when the conditions permitted. Trotting with maggot for grayling on the Derwent was the method for the first two outings, on the run up to the festive season with some unusual results. Some nice grayling came to the net between 12 and 16 inches, but the predominant catch was out of season brown trout, some of which were quite large up to about 3 lb. all in fighting form. One of the trout, a monster let go almost at the net B***er !!!!



16 inch Grayling

On the second trip out I took a guest John Davison who managed to land several good out of season trout and one small grayling, but to his delight managed to land a 21.5 inch brown weighing in at about 4 lb.



John's 21.5 inch & 4 lb Fish

I returned for a third foray this time trotting with small red worm and third trot down hooked and landed the monster brown who let go at the net a few days earlier, 22 inches and 4.5 lb . Gocha !!!!!!!!!



22 inches and 4.5 lb brown

After the Christmas turkey had settled and the river levels still on the high side, I persuaded Hilary Langan to come with me to do a little pike fishing on ponds we re we are both members .There are 2 ponds in a beautiful and secluded setting, a setting that Mr Crabtree himself would have frequented. Dead bait roach was the method. Looking at the catch return book some good fish had been landed recently from the top pond, pike up to 14 lb with several around the 8 lb mark.

We fished all afternoon with mixed fortunes, Hilary lost two nice fish at the net. At the death of the day I managed to land a beautiful fish 32 inches long pike, weighing in at a respectable 10 lb.



The pike about to go back (Picture by: Hilary Langan)

Winter fishing (I say winter because it is supposed to be cold and frosty !!!!! Not warm and extremely wet) has proved to have had its up's and down's with some pleasant surprises.

I am looking forward to the next three months weather conditions permitting, when I can once again get out and about with some of my fishing friends and catch more wonderful winter fish.

Brian



Untitled sketch by Dr Ron Broughton



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Grayling Fishers evening with Philip White A.P.G.A.I.



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Philip White's fly tying demonstration on the 8th November 2012 for the Grayling Fishers evening.

Grayling Fishers evening with Stuart Crofts



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Stuart Crofts fly tying demonstration on the 15th October 2013 for the Grayling Fishers evening.

Price £6.50 + p&p

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STOP THE SPREAD

Are you unknowingly spreading invasive species on your water sports equipment and clothing?

Invasive species can affect fish and other wildlife, restrict navigation, clog up propellers and be costly to manage. You can help protect the water sports you love by following three simple steps when you leave the water.

CHECK

Check your equipment and clothing for live organisms - particularly in areas that are damp or hard to inspect.

CLEAN

Clean and wash all equipment, footwear and clothing thoroughly.

If you do come across any organisms, leave them at the water body where you found them.

DRY

Dry all equipment and clothing - some species can live for many days in moist conditions.

Make sure you don't transfer water elsewhere.

For more information go to www.direct.gov.uk and search for Check Clean Dry



Subscriptions

We still have two or three members who are paying the **old fee of £23.00**. Could I ask that you check your subscription payment with your bank to make sure you are paying the correct amount. If you are still paying the incorrect amount or have any queries about your subscriptions please give me a ring and we can sort it out. Remember The Grayling Society subscriptions are due on the **1st of January** unless agreed otherwise.

£28.00 Adult

£47.00 Joint

£22.00 Senior (over 70 years)

£5.00 Junior (16 or under)

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Thank you for your co-operation

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