



The Grayling Society

Newsletter

Area 8 September 2017

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

All good things come to those who wait !!

Grayling Fishers

Talks

Hilary has once again been busy finding and booking great speakers for our Winter Programme. As usual the evening will be held in the Rutland Hotel in Bakewell commencing 7.30. There will be the usual small entry fee (£3.00) on the door and extra raffle tickets for the ever excellent prizes, including our regular "Star Prize". If you would like to donate a Raffle prize, your donation will be gratefully received.

The speakers will be as follows;

18th October - Garry Mills (Rod builder).

8th November - Jon Beer (Fisherman, Author and Story teller)

6th December - Charles Jardine (Area 8 will be presenting him with a donation for "Fishing 4 Schools")

8th January - The ever popular and always interesting Stuart Crofts.

7th February - Don Stazicker

7th March - Dr Nick Overall.

All are welcome and you do not have to be a member of the Grayling Society to attend.

Fly Tying Evening / Masterclasses

Stephen also has been working hard to organise the fly tying evenings, to be held at the Rutland Hotel in Bakewell, commencing 7.30 with the usual entry fee on the door and extra raffle tickets if required.

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The evenings will be held on;
28th October.
27th November
29th January
26th February.
19th March

Some of the fly tying evenings may have a lead tier with a themed evening, but this is yet to be confirmed.

Stephen has also arranged 3 full day Fly Tying Masterclasses. These will be held at the village hall at Ashford on the Water on Saturdays. Details cost and applications for the dates will be announced later. Included in the cost of the day will be as much tea, coffee and biscuits as you like and a delicious lunch.

The dates are;

20th January

17th February

10th March

It is hoped that on at least 2 of these days the lead tier will be Stuart Crofts.

Fishing Days

We are hoping to hold our usual two fishing days again this year, but details have yet to be finalised.

The first will be Fly Only on several beats of the River Derwent on the **19th of November**.

The second will be Cane and Pin and again on the Derwent on the **14th of January 2018**.

Both days are of course subject to weather and river conditions. There will be the usual buffet and raffle. Details and application forms will be sent out nearer the dates.

Remember monies raised at all our events go towards the running of the events and donations to charities and good causes.

Brian

Salmon and Trout Conservation Evenings

This year we are co-operating with the S&TC South Yorkshire branch advertising each others Winter Programme of events. Meetings start at 7.30pm, Pheonix Sports centre, Brinsworth Pavilion, Pavilion Lane, off Bawtry Road, Brinsworth, Rotherham S60 5PA .There will be a small entry charge and raffle and if you feel that you would like to donate a raffle prize it will be gratefully accepted. All are welcome and you do not have to be a member of the S&TC to attend .

Monday 23rd Oct: Brian Smith: Fishing the Driftless area. Branch member Brian Smith will be showing a film - Heart of the Driftless – about the Driftless area in Wisconsin, USA, an area with thousands of miles of spring creek trout streams. Brian will follow the film with discussions and Q and A on the logistics of visiting and fishing the area.

Monday 20th Nov: Dave Southall: A fly for all seasons. Dave will present an audio visual show on aquatic organisms and their imitations throughout the year. Dave is well known to readers of Fly Fishing and Fly Tying, lives in East Yorkshire close to Driffield Beck and is passionate about river fly fishing and using imitative flies.

Monday 4th Dec: Chris Firth: The Fall and Rise of an Industrial River. Chris is a former Yorkshire Water fisheries officer who worked for many years on the rehabilitation of the River Don. He is author of a brilliant history of the Don fishery (From Doomsday to the Dawn of the New Millennium) and is a founder, director and trustee of the Don Catchment Rivers Trust. Chris will give an account of the historical circumstances which destroyed the Don's fish populations and how they recovered.

Monday 8th Jan: Michael Charlton-Weedy: Salmon Fishing for just one week. Michael, aka 'MCX Fisher', is author of the well-regarded salmon fishing blog, Just One Week, which contains a wealth of help and advice for the occasional, beginner or intermediate salmon fisher. Michael will be presenting his insightful approach and advice to getting the best from your salmon fishing. Further details tbc.

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Monday 5th Feb: Paul Gaskell: Tenkara. Paul will again be giving us guidance on different approaches to Tenkara, drawing on recent visits to Japan. Further details tbc.

News from the front

You will probably remember we recently made a donation towards the cost of a "Wheelyboat" for Ladybower Res. I am pleased to report that the boat was launched in October last year and is in regular use for the disabled and disabled anglers.



The Christening



The Launch



The First Passenger



The second passenger



And they are OFF !!

The Boat was named "Ray of Sunshine" in honour of Ray Crompton, who, made a significant donation towards the cost of the boat. Being disabled himself it was Rays hope that he would be able to enjoy using the boat, but, sadly he died before the boat could be purchased and launched.

At this years Bakewell Show and Chatsworth Country Fair the Wheelyboat was given pride of place on the Ladybower stand.



Ladybower's stand at the Bakewell Show

The Wheelyboat all badged up displaying the organisations who have contributed towards the cost of this ingenious boat.



Brian

Shows and Fairs

Once again the Grayling Society was invited to have a stand on "Fisherman's Walk" at this years Bakewell Show. As some of you who are local will know for one reason or another attendance of the show was down on previous years. This I am sure was mainly due to the very wet weather conditions, making the ground very soft under foot. It also created difficulties for vehicular access as Paul West from the "Help for Heroes" found out to his cost and had to be pulled out of the mire by Alisdair Duncan with his Landy. Other attendees at "Fisherman's Walk" were Wendy Gibson, Rob Lomax and Richard Ward tying flies, Leek and District A.C. with their stand and kick samples of invertebrate life from the River Wye in a tray (The kids were fascinated) .



I am Stuck can you pull me out !!!!!



After !!!!!

I took along the stand and sold one or two items but unfortunately there were fewer visitors to the marquee than in previous years.



The Society Stand

Ladybower Fisheries gave trout smoking demonstrations as well as Steve Newsome tying flies. They also brought along their new wheelyboat. John Green and John Machin gave casting instruction, "Help for Heroes" brought along their stand. Orvis Bakewell organised the casting competitions and casting tuition, they also had their own marquee selling one or two bits. Although the show was quieter than previous years the people who did visit "Fisherman's Walk" did find our efforts interesting and enjoyable.

Thanks therefor to Alisdair Duncan and the whole of the Orvis Bakewell team for organising such a great two days. We look forward to a better show next year, if it goes ahead.

Derby County A.C. have invited the Grayling Society to have a stand at their open day at Willington near Derby on the 24th of September. If you are interested in visiting the event please contact Steve Newsome on 07752 146255 for further details.

We will be attending once again the **Uttoxeter Game Fishing and Fly Tying Festival** on Sunday 15th of October at the Uttoxeter Race Course. Doors open 10.00 am. As usual Wendy Gibson has put together a great show with an excellent line up of trade stands and fly dressers in the three indoor exhibition halls.

If you have not already booked, our **A.G.M.** this year will be held at the Remada Hotel in Wrexham. On the 21st and 22nd of October.

The closing date for attending the AGM fast approaching so if you intend going please hurry and book.

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This years speakers will be;

David Southall

Mark Lloyd (Angling Trust)

Alan Roe

Karl Humphries and Luis Noble (our Dee experts)

Rich Cove (G.R.T.)

As usual there will be a selection of trade stands.

Fishing will be on the River Dee and our thanks go to the following clubs;

Bala, Capenhurst, Wirral Flyfishers, Midland Flyfishers, Corwen, Llangollen-Maelor and Bangor on Dee.

Don't forget the **BFFI 10th and 11th of February 2018.**

Other Local Country Fairs

16th / 17th September (This coming weekend)

The Midland Game Fair.

The Grayling Society will have a small stand and be represented by Paul Deaville and Karl Humphries.

Brian

Fly Tiers Corner



Greenwell's Spider

Evolving from the winged wet Greenwell's Glory this is a wingless spider variant to represent the range of olive and iron blue nymphs. One variation which improves the imitation when duns are hatching is to semi-palmer the hackle to give a better impression of a living insect.

Hook- #14

Body- Well waxed Primrose Silk

Rib- Gold wire

Hackle- Greenwell hen

(Details from ; A Guide to River Trout Flies by John Roberts)

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UTTOXETER GAME FISHING & FLY TYING FESTIVAL

Admission

Adults £5.00

Under 16 FREE



SUNDAY OCTOBER 15th 2017 10am - 4.30pm

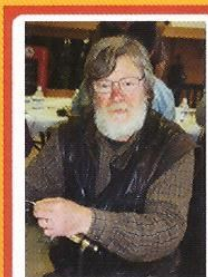
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Uttoxeter Race Course Wood Lane, Uttoxeter Staffs ST14 8BD



David
Wolsoncroft-Dodds



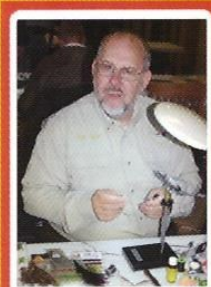
Chris Watson



Stuart Crofts



Rob Smith



Peter Major

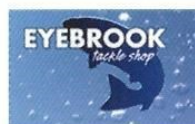
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Grayling Fishers evening with Philip White A.P.G.A.I.



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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

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INVASIVE AQUATIC SPECIES
CHECK-CLEAN-DRY

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)

If you need to pay please do so via bank transfer to;

Grayling Society, Account No.: 00376017

Sort Code: 30-91-93

Quoting your membership number and Surname as reference.

Or please phone me on:

01246 271324 or 07711 905776.

Thank you for your co-operation

Brian