



# Newsletter

Area 8 October 2017 (No. 32)

## THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

**Panicking is not acceptable; any crisis should be met with the words "It'll be reet"**

### An Appeal to all members

*Last month I was asked by our new Membership Secretary Tim Taylor to try and make sure that all details on my Area database were up to date. After quite some effort I think I managed to up date as much information as possible, but there may be one or two telephone numbers which may have changed. Could I therefore ask you all, if you have recently changed your address, home or mobile numbers and your email address, could you let me have the changes A.S.A.P. please. I can then make sure that all Society and Area correspondence goes to the correct place.*

*Many Thanks*

*Brian*

### Grayling Fishers

#### Talks

Just a reminder to all that our first meeting at the Rutland is on the **18th of this month starting at 7.30**. the speaker is Garry Marshall the rod builder, a man that makes excellent cane rods and having seen his talk found it very interesting.

#### Fly Tying evenings

Many thanks to eagle eyed Tony Randell who spotted my not deliberate mistake for our first fly tying evening. It is **NOT on the 28th of this month (Saturday)** but on **Monday the 23rd** as usual at the Rutland and starting 7.30

## Fishing Days

I am still in the process of making arrangements for the following days on the river and hoping to hold our usual two fishing days again this year.

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, Phoenix 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.

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**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 Driffeld 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.

**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 Derby County A.C. Open day



On the 24th of September I attended the Derby County A.C. open day at their Willington fishery on the banks of the River Trent. What a beautiful setting with the Trent close by and the event sited between the clubs two lakes, one for coarse fish and the other for trout.

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In the morning the club held a fishing match on the trout lake for members with a prize for the greatest number of fish landed (all fish were to be carefully returned) After lunch time Charles Jardine gave a most interesting and informative casting demonstration and commentary followed by a short question and answer session. Other stands included Orvis Bakewell, a tackle bring and buy a food and drinks tent and our own Russ Pittham and John Mycock selling an assortment of fly tying materials. I managed to sell one or two bits and several people were interested in joining the Society and took away application forms for membership.

### Cressbrook and Litton Flyfishers's "Macmillan coffee morning"

On Friday the 29th of September Cressbrook and Litton Flyfishers Club hosted their annual "Macmillan coffee morning" as usual expertly organised by Nick Loveday and Chris Thurkeld.



Some of the visitors (Note the big black hoover !!!)



Nick sharing a joke with two visitors

As well as cakes made by Nick, other members of the club brought along many other goodies, either for sale, or more importantly to much upon to be washed down with copious amounts of tea or coffee expertly brewed by Chris himself.

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Just some of the delicious cakes, buns and savouries

Although the main event took place at the fishing hut at "Lock Bridge" a second table was set up at "Duffers" at Millersdale. To date there is no final figure for the collection as donations are still coming in from members who were unable to attend on the day, but so far the total is over £500. I am sure the final figure will be very welcome by the charity.

Brian

**Coming along nicely**



It has been several years since I last brewed Sloe Gin and unfortunately I am down to the last pint of my 4 year old brew.

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Not so long ago after blending several years of my makings in a demijohn, I managed to tot up a full gallon of this winter warmer, but now it is almost gone. This autumn while out fishing (location now top secret) I stumbled across several Sloe bushes loaded with plump ripe berries. So instead of fishing I decided I would put the rod away and start picking. The bushes provided me with 2 kilo's of berries so I now have 4 of these big boys. I have 4 litres of brew on the go but it will not be touched for at least another month before I bottle up. It will then be another year before I filter it and finally bottle up. The longer it is left (if you can keep your lips from it) the better as it does improve with age. *P.S. Sorry I can't give you the recipe but it is a closely guarded family secret handed down from generation to generation.*

Brian

**Fly Tiers Corner**



Abstract Caddis  
(My version)

This is one of the many flies invented by Stuart Crofts. As can be seen it is a simply tied but very effective imitation of a hatching or egg laying Caddis.

**Hook;** Partridge SLD #14 or 16

**Body;** Fine Olive dubbing

**Thread;** Fawn

**Head and wing;** Fawn antron

**Legs;** Fawn C.D.C.

**Method**

- 1 Tie on and run the thread down the hook shank
- 2 Dub on the thread and wind down to the head
- 3 Tie in the antron bow tie fashion
- 4 Wind on the CDC for the legs.
- 5 Stroke down the CDC, pull the antron back to form a wing, bind down and whip finish to form a head / thorax.
- 6 Cut the wing to length

Brian



# UTTOXETER GAME FISHING & FLY TYING FESTIVAL

**Admission**

**Adults £5.00**

**Under 16 FREE**



**SUNDAY OCTOBER 15th 2017 10am - 4.30pm**

*Formerly BURTON ON TRENT GAME FISHING & FLY TYING FESTIVAL*

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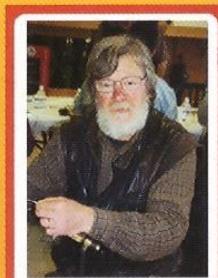
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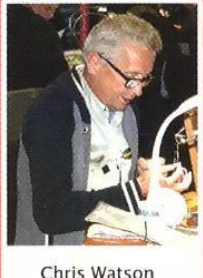
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David  
Wolsoncroft-Dodds



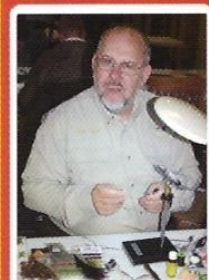
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## Grayling Fishers DVD library

### 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

STOP THE SPREAD  
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](http://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