



Newsletter

Area 8 December 2017 (No. 34)



THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

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An Appeal to all members

Could I once again 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. As you may also know the Society is now able to take subscription payments by Direct Debit details of which will be published shortly.

I have received one or two emails asking if the recent email sent out by Tim Taylor our Membership Secretary regarding "payment of subs on line" is legitimate and not a scam. I can confirm that the email is ok and ask that you follow its instructions so the Society can now receive payment of your subs by Direct Debit.

Many Thanks

Joyce Frost

Some of the long standing members of this Area will remember Joyce who was one of our first lady anglers. She was a regular at our fishing days and always used to join in with the banter. It is my sad task to tell you that Joyce passed away during Thursday 2nd of November in the Hallamshire Hospital Sheffield following a stroke the previous Tuesday. As well as being a long standing member of the Grayling Society she was also a member of the then Salmon and Trout Association, Derby County Angling Club and Cressbrook and Litton Flyfishers. It was with great pleasure that I fished Wolfcotedale and Willersley as a guest of Joyce and her late husband Arthur where with their help I caught some beautiful fish.

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Both Joyce and Arthur were more than willing to help with advice as their knowledge of the waters was second to none. After Arthur's death in 1992 Joyce found great pleasure in fishing and the friendship of the other anglers she came in contact with. Yesterday 21/11/17 along with Hilary Langan and Chris Prior from the Salmon and Trout Conservation attended Joyce's funeral at Hutcliffe Wood Crematorium Sheffield, where much was said about her life, marriage to her late husband Arthur her family, friends and fishing. Joyce leaves two sons Stephen and David, their wives, Toni and Vicki and her three grandchildren Harry, Lindsey and Kevin. To those of us who knew her for so long she will be sadly missed and our sincere condolences go out to her family



Joyce Frost
GONE FISHING
Brian

Fly Tying evenings



Bob Lomax

This year we have changed the format of our fly tying evenings, we now have a lead tier demonstrating a variety of techniques after which the attendees will tie the flies under supervision if needed. Our last meeting was headed by Bob Lomax demonstrating a number of flies, *Mayfly emerger with stuck shuck*, *Yellow Mayfly emerger with stuck shuck*, *Little Black Midge* and *Grayling Fiddler* all with a Para loop hackle using the gallows tool.

Fishing Days

Our second day will be Cane and Pin and again on the Derwent but now will be on the **7th of January 2018**, and **not the 14th** as previously advertised.

The day will of course be subject to weather and river conditions. There will be the usual buffet and raffle. Details and application forms will be sent out nearer the date.

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

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Talks



Jon Beer entertaining a full house

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Jon came along to give us a talk entitled “**Get Fat— Live longer and other surprising lessons in living we learn from trout**”. A long title but a very interesting and informative talk. Although what could be classed as a scientific topic, it was presented at a level that we all could understand. Jon gave us an insight into the history of classification of indigenous brown trout, how they have adapted to conditions and developed. Also how environmental conditions have effected growth rates.

Don't forget our next speaker on Wednesday night 6th December will be Charles Jardine.

Salmon and Trout Conservation Evenings

The South Yorkshire Branch 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 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.

For those of us who grew up seeing the Don as it was, dirty brown with rainbow oil colours floating on the surface, this talk will be about the amazing transformation of the river over the last 30 years.

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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

November Fishing Day



The morning gathering



Dave Southall wading in very cold water and making his eyes water!!!!!!



Ken Lockwood working well

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Hillary Langan "total concentration"

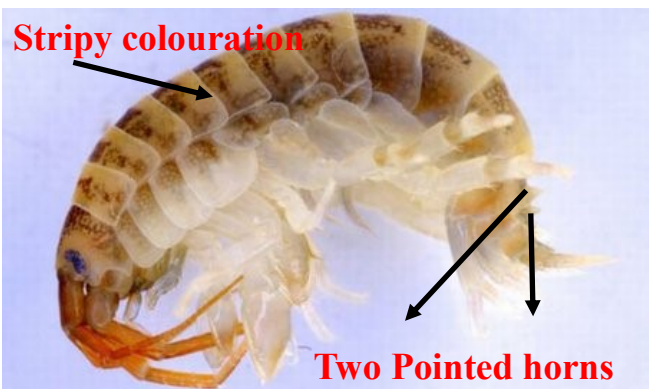


Grubs up !!!!

On Sunday 19th of November on a very cold and overcast morning we gathered for tea, coffee and biscuits at the Wheatsheaf in Bakewell before setting off for our first grayling fishing day of the season. 19 members set off for their respective waters. 4 fished the Cressbrook and Litten Flyfishers "Hallowed waters" of on the River Wye guided by the Clubs Under Keeper Chris Thurkeld, 7 on two beats went to the Bubnell Flyfishers water on the River Derwent at Baslow guided by two of the clubs members, 1 took 3 down to the Waltonian Angling Clubs water at Darley Bridge on the River Derwent and lastly 5 went down to the Derby County Angling Clubs water at Willersley Castle on the River Derwent. Fishing was hard going because of the water conditions and the weather, but most did catch , the best catch being Alan Grice- Jackson on the Bubnell water 11 good grayling and 1 very good trout. All enjoyed the day and look forward to our next outing. Our thanks must go to all the Clubs who allowed us to use their waters, their helpers and lastly the Wheatsheaf and it's staff for a great meal.

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Demon Shrimp



The Environment Agency has found this shrimp in the River Rother which is part of the South Yorkshire River Don system. Please keep an eye out for this invasive species in all our local waters. If found take a sample and report to the E.A.

Please remember to comply with all biosecurity measures after visiting all waters.

See "Stop the Spread"

Brian

Fly Tiers Corner



Epoxy Twisted Wire Bug

- Hook:** Tiemco 2457 size 14-20
Thread: Fluorescent Pink: UTC 70 Thread
Underbody: Fine lead wire covered with thread
Wire: Fine Copper wire twisted tightly and wound over the pink thread underbody
Head: Tying thread
Body: Clear Epoxy or Bugbond coated with Nail Varnish.

Essentially an all metal bug with pink accents, sinks like a stone, great for grayling.

Can be tied with fluorescent green or orange thread and different colours of bead head.

Twisted wire gives more sparkle to the fly than winding it flat

Don Stazicker



Angling Trust alongside Angling Trades Association, and the Predation Action Group has recently launched Cormorant Watch 2, a website where recordings of cormorant numbers and presence can be made as part of the campaign to increase the numbers which can be shot.

Whether you can shoot on your fisheries or not the attached poster can bring this campaign to the notice of your members and encourage them to report cormorants on your fisheries. This may result in us getting more birds on individual and group licences in the future and is an important way of keeping the need for cormorant control on fisheries in the Minister's mind.

Brian

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 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