



The Grayling Society

Newsletter

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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Have a Happy and Prosperous New Year!!

News From the Front

As members should know any surplus funds raised during the year, are donated to charities and good causes. We decided that our charity for this year was "Fishing For Schools", headed by Charles Jardine. Last winter season thanks to your continuing support we were able to make a donation of £400.00 to the charity, for which a cheque was presented to Charles at our meeting at the Rutland Hotel on Wednesday night 6th December.



Pictures by: Hilary Langan
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Charles also gave to a full house a most interesting talk about his life growing up fishing with his greatest influence his father and his pleasure fishing with his son and daughter. Charles also told us of the work he and his team are doing for Fishing For Schools.

Orvis Pies and Flies Night



The Society Corner

Orvis Bakewell invited the Society once again to their annual Pies and Flies night, held on the evening of Friday 8th of December. As well as delicious pork pies, mince pies, and drinks, Orvis had some great discounts on offer for their products. The evening was very busy with at times a full shop entertained by three exceptional fly dressers Richard Ward, Steve Newsome and Don Stazicker, oh yes and me tying some traditional grayling flies on the Grayling Society table. The evening was a great success and my thanks must go to Marie, Alisdair and the rest of the Orvis staff who worked like trojans to make the evening such a success. I look forward to being invited back next year.

Brian

Talks

Our next speaker in the new year is the one and only Stuart (Skippy) Crofts. He will be with us on Wednesday 10th January. As usual we will be at the Rutland Hotel in Bakewell and the start time will be 7.30 pm.

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As yet I am not sure what Stuarts topic for the evening will be but what I am sure of, his talk will be interesting and informative.

Remember ALL are welcome and you do not have to be a Society member to attend.

Brian

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 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.

Fly Tying Evenings

Our next Fly Tying evening will be held on Monday the **29th of January** when again we hope to have a lead tier (name of lead tier to be announced later), followed by **26th of February**, but at our last evening on the **19th of March** we are hoping to hold a bring and buy sale. Bring along your unwanted tackle with your price clearly attached to the item. There will be a small fee (10% of the sale price) which will go towards our charity donation next year.

Fly Tying Masterclasses

Steve Langan has arranged 3 fly tying masterclasses at the village hall at Ashford on the Water. The first 2 are now full and the third on Saturday the 10th of March headed by Stuart Crofts has **only one or two places left.** As you can see these days these days are proving very popular and for those who are unable to attend we are hoping to produce a D.V.D. for each session so if you are interested in fly tying and you want to try the patterns of the day then the D.V.D. can be purchased at a very reasonable cost.

The cost for the day is £35.00 which will include tea coffee and biscuits and a delicious hot lunch. For further details and availability contact Steve on; doclangan@hotmail.com

Fly Tiers Corner

This is another of the flies that I have experimented with and have had some success particularly on the Derwent It worked particularly well during the evening rise around May /June.



This way up when landed.



The underside (Tied this way up)

Materials

Hook; TMC 206BL #12

Tail; Olive Micro Fibbets Tied on top of the bend of the hook

Body; Light olive fine dubbing

Rib; (Optional) Mono (2 / 3lb Preferably with a greenish colour)

Thorax; Dark olive dubbing

Thorax Cover; 3 pheasant tail fibres

Hackle ; Olive grizzle palmered.

Thread; Olive

Method

First of all you should tie the fly upside down (the hook in the vice as normal)

1 Wind the thread half way down the hook

2 Tie in the rib and tails. This will give an even body shape.

3 Bind in the rib and tails around the bend of the hook.

4 Dub the body. I like to use the dubbing loop as I think it gives a slimmer body yet gives a rough look.

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- 5 Wind the rib in open turns up to the thorax and bind in.
 - 6 Tie in the pheasant tail fibres point end toward the eye.
 - 7 Tie in the hackle
 - 8 Dub the thorax
 - 9 Wind the hackle forward and tie off behind the hook eye.
 - 10 Part the hackle fibres and bring forward the pheasant tail fibres tie in behind the eye and whip finish. This will help to separate the hackle and give the fly a base to land on.
- If the hackle fibres have not parted sufficiently then a little trimming may be necessary.

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Coming along nicely



Starting off filtering

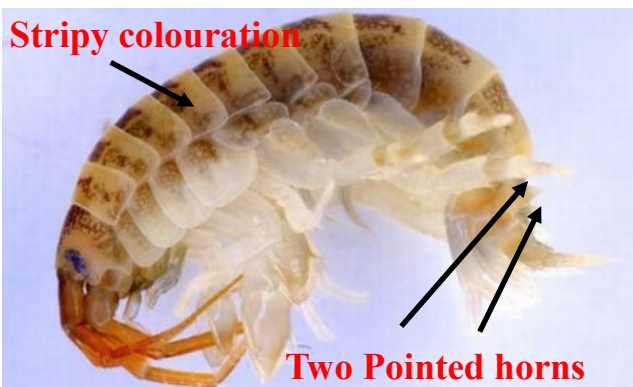
I started Filtering the 4 “bad boys” today. The gin had been on the sloes for 3 months and had produced a beautiful ruby colour. After using 8 filter papers to clarify the brew I finished up with 4 litres of young fruity sloe gin. When visiting my local “Home Brew” shop I noticed this “Kilner” container with a tap. This I thought after another few months of maturing the sloe gin the container would be perfect for filling the odd glass or bottle as any sediment would have settled below the tap. Although the brew is very nice and warming, when it stands for at least 1 year it takes on a deeper liqueur taste slightly less fruity but very warming on a cold winters day.



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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.

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See “Stop the Spread”*

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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.

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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.

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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)

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Thank you for your co-operation

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