



The Grayling Society

Newsletter

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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Snowdrops and Snowdrifts !!!!

News From the Front

Our second Fishing day 4/2/18

February started with our rearranged fishing day on the Derwent at Cromford before the "Beast from the East" came our way. Because of one reason or another only 6 rods met at the Boat Inn for our morning cuppa before setting off to the river.



Yes I am in!!!!



The first fish of the day

The day started quite well with the weather cold but not uncomfortable and this was when most fish were caught. After a warming cuppa in the Lodge at lunchtime the activities resumed, but as the afternoon went on the temperature started to drop and the fish went off the feed. At about 4.00 pm we retired to the warmth of the Boat Inn at Cromford for a drink, a natter and a delicious Haggis pie, chips and peas buffet.



Tucking in!

Our thanks go to Cromford Fly Fishing Club for allowing us to use their waters and John Pass and his team of bailiffs for their help. We must also thank the staff of the Boat Inn for their hospitality and delicious food.

BFFI 2018

On the weekend of the 11th & 12th of February we attended the BFFI at Stafford. We set up the stand on the Friday afternoon ready for an early start on the Saturday. Rob Hartley, Tim Taylor and Janet and me manned the stand on the first day, with Rob, Janet and me on the Sunday.

This year we were in the new third hall with the Fly Dressers and several other organisations.

Tim Taylor our membership Secretary worked wonders enrolling several new members to the Society, while Rob and I tied flies and Janet worked the sales and kept us all going with Tea and Coffee.

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The Stand

Saturday was a busy day with a good number of people visiting the stand, but as usual Sunday was a little quieter but still quite busy.

Steve Cooper and his team did a sterling job of organising the weekend and we thank him very much for our invitation to stand at what has become a premier event on the fishing show calendar.

Talks



On the 7th of February to a full house Don Stazicker came and gave us a brilliant talk and fly tying demonstration of a selection of Blue Ribbon flies. These innovative American flies are not only for the area of Yellowstone but according to Don work brilliantly on the River Wye.

Fly Tying Masterclass

On the 17th of February Don once again came up trumps leading the day with more of his Blue Ribbon flies at our Fly Tying Masterclass day at Ashford on the Water Village Hall. The day was very well attended with almost a full house.

Our thanks go to Steve Langan for organizing the day but who unfortunately he could not attend because of a serious leg injury, Dave Percival who organized the lunch, Home Farm Catering for providing us with a brilliant curry for lunch,

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Stuart Crofts for his invaluable help supplying us all with tea and coffee and last but not least Don himself for giving us such a great day.

Fly Tying Evening



Kevan at the vice

Our lead tier on the 26th of February was Kevan Stevenson, an exceptional tier with the use of C.D.C. and the "Magic Tool". He showed us three very interesting flies which he has found to be killing patterns.

For the people who could not make the night, all the patterns were recorded and can be obtained on a DVD at a small cost.

Fly Tying Masterclass

Our next masterclass will be held on Saturday 10th of March at the same venue. This time we have Stuart Crofts as lead and I am sure he will be giving us an entertaining and informative day tying.

There are still one or two places left so if you are interested please get in touch with me ASAP on 07711 905776 and no later than Thursday 8th evening.

Brian

Fly Tying Evenings

Our next fly tying evening will be on the **19th of March**, with the lead tier once again with some more of his C.D.C. flies, Kevan Stevenson.

We will be recording the evening and all the flies will be obtainable on a DVD.

Of late several people could not make the Monday fly tying evenings, this being so if you are interested in attending could you let either Hilary or me have the preferred nights that you could attend. Me 07711 905776 or Hilary 07920 013361

Brian

Fly Tiers Corner



Single Plume Olive

Materials

- Hook :** Fine Wire Dry #14 to 20
Thread : Brown or Black
Tail : Well marked Coq de Leon (2 fibres)
Body : Stripped Peacock Herl (use natural or dyed orange/olive)
Wings : Natural or Tigered CDC feather (use two on larger hooks)
Thorax/Legs : Water Rat Substitute (dyed Mole)

Method

- 1 : Tie in Coq de Leon fibres, long. Take a short length of thread and split the tails and tie off.
- 2 : Tie in Stripped Peacock Herl by the tip at the tail butt, remove waste.
- 3 : Using tying thread build a slim tapered body to thorax, leave thread at thorax.
- 4 : Wind Peacock Herl in touching turns to thorax, tie off and remove waste, (varnish if desired).
- 5 : At the thorax tie in CDC feather/s tips facing forward. Ease back to the required length, tie down and remove waste. Take thread to the front of the wing and apply wraps to hold the wing vertical.
- 6 : Take a small pinch of Water Rat Subs, spit the thread using a dubbing needle and insert the fibres, spread the fibres sparsely and spin. Wind round the base of the wing using figure of eight wraps, under the hook shank. Form small head and varnish.

Kevan Stevenson



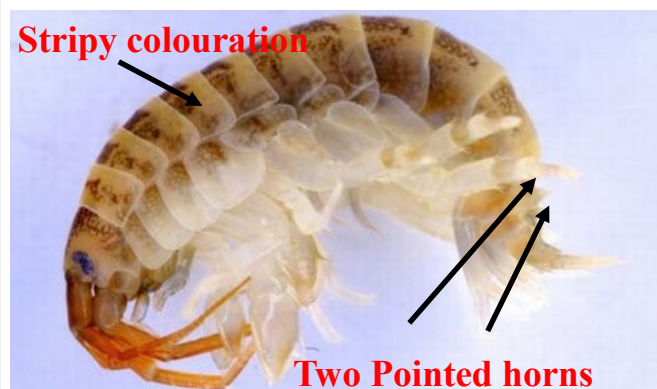
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(As published in The Grayling Society Newsletter Winter 1979/80)

Drawn By: Dr Ron Broughton

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"

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Male Goosander
Female Goosander

Show your support and help spread awareness of this issue by downloading this poster from www.anglingtrust.net/cormorants

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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.

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.

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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** or by **Standing Order**. Could I ask that you check your subscription payment with your bank to make sure you are paying the correct amount, cancel your **Standing Order** and change to **Direct Debit**. If you are still paying the incorrect amount or **Standing Order** 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**.

To pay online go to; Grayling Society web site and follow "Members Log in"

£28.00 Adult

£47.00 Joint

£22.00 Senior (over 70 years)

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Please phone me on:

01246 271324 or 07711 905776.

Thank you for your co-operation

Brian

UTTOXETER GAME FISHING & FLY TYING FESTIVAL

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