



The Grayling Society

# Newsletter

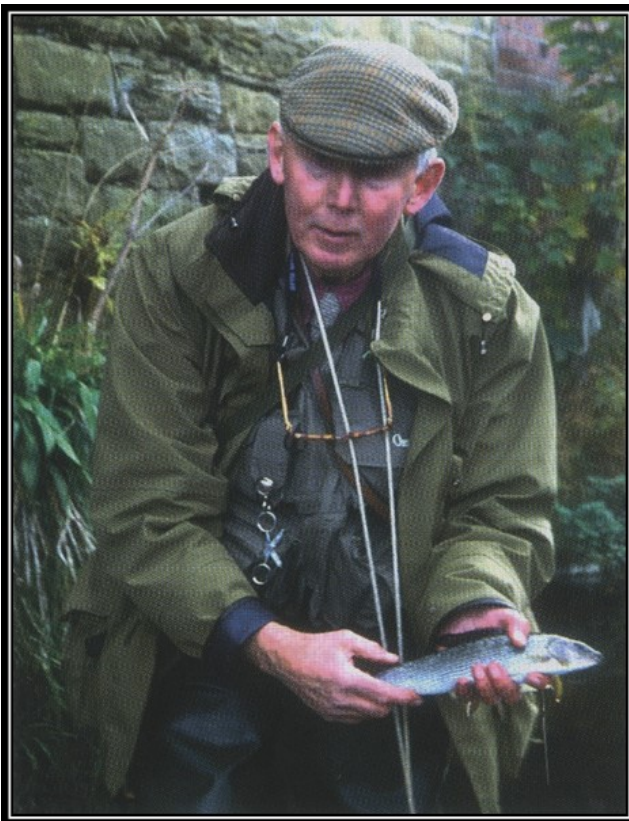


Area 8 November 2018 (No. 39)

## THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH



**100 YEARS  
"LEST WE FORGET"**



### Dr John Brennand 24/9/34 - 23/10/18

Many of you will remember John particularly if you have attended the Society Symposium /A.G.M. over recent years. After battling with dementia John passed away in a nursing home on the 23/10/18 just 2 days after our A.G.M. John along with Dr Ron Broughton and his great friend Reg Righyni were founder members of the Grayling Society and took up the challenge on the death of Reg in counting rivers in the British Isles where he caught grayling.

For many years until his retirement he was a medical doctor, a former Society President, member of the GRT, an excellent angler and a quietly spoken gentleman. He will I am sure be sadly missed by all of us who knew him. Our thoughts and condolences go to his wife and family.

**A full obituary will be included in the next Grayling**

## News from the Front

### Uttoxeter Fly Fair

On the 14th of October we attended what could be the last Uttoxeter Game Fishing and Fly Tying Festival. Rob Hartley and I had what turned out to be one of our best shows to date, selling quite a bit of stock and signing up 3 new members.



### Rob in his usual unassuming shirt!!!!

The show was again well attended with a wide variety of stands with quality products to sell as well as several angling clubs and Societies and a host of Fly Dressers. There was some suggestion that the show may be resurrected by other people, but if this does not happen it would be a shame considering all the hard work that Wendy Gibson and her team have put in over the years.

### 2018 Symposium and A.G.M.

For those members who did not attend this year's Symposium and A.G.M., here is a brief look at what happened. This year it was held in the north east at the Redworth Hall Hotel not far from Durham and hosted by Stuart Wardle the Area Secretary from that area. On the Saturday we had the usual trade stands Flytek, Paul Morgan with his books and the Society stand, all with lots of goodies for sale. We had a very good line-up of speakers covering a wide range of interesting topics. The first speaker was Rob Smith talking about how he researched and put together his book "North Country Flies". Our second speaker was Jack Perks with his photographic work on fish and in particular Grayling. The third speaker Rich Cove giving his G.R.T report with Dr Martin Lewis from Durham University talking about his work on grayling migration.

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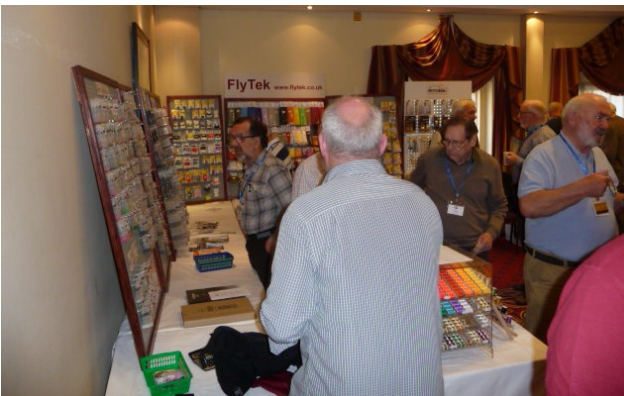


*Rob Smith in full flow*

After lunch we had Peter Cockwill, talking about fishing for Arctic Grayling. Stewart Wardle took the stand telling us about the waters we would be fishing on the Sunday.



*Peter Cockwill*



*In the Sales Area*

During the A.G.M we had the presentation of trophies to the two winners.



*Karl Humphries (Presidents Reel)*



*Bob Milne (Righyni Roose Trophy)*

***Grayling Fishers Evenings***

***Fly tying Evenings***

Our first Fly tying evening was lead by myself demonstrating two classic flies the Double Badger and Walkers Little Red Sedge. The second half of the evening we tied two modern beetle patterns, a C.D.C. Beetle and a foam Beetle.

***Our next tying evening will be headed by Kevan Stevenson tying his innovative C.D.C flies.***

***The meeting will be held on the 14th of November in the old Clock room at the Rutland behind the restaurant area and NOT in the Ballroom the usual venue.***

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*December no Fly Tying meeting,*

January 16,

February 13,

March 6

### Talks

Paul Procter was our first speaker giving valuable information about grayling fishing and the tactics he uses on home waters and overseas to an audience of over 50.



Paul at the end of his power point and taking just one of many questions

Before Paul started his talk I accepted a cheque on behalf of the G.R.T. in the sum of £140. The money was raised at a Cane and Silk day kindly organised by Cressbrook and Litton Flyfishers Club.



Mike Hallam (President elect) presenting me with the cheque from Cressbrook and Litton Flyfishers Club

### Future Talks

**November 28: Alan Roe**

Trotting for game and coarse fish, and including Wallis casting.

Even if you do not long trot for grayling, Alan will be a must to see to give you a different perspective on fishing for grayling.

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If anyone thinks there is little or no skill in long trotting they should come along to our next meeting and be amazed at the distance that can be achieved by the use of the Wallis casting technique with the centre pin reel. I am sure Alan will also be talking about other long trotting tactics and baits that can be used for a successful days fishing.

**December 12: Stuart Crofts**

“Put the Fly back into your Fly-fishing”.

**January 23: Don Stazicker**

“Riseforms, can you tell what they are eating?”

**February 20: Paul and Sue Sissons**

Fishing for Coho salmon on Kodiak Island, Alaska

**March 20: Tim Jacklin**

Conservation Officer (Midlands) for the Wild Trout Trust, Information on the work the Wild Trout Trust are doing in Derbyshire

***The evenings start at 7.30, and are open to all, you don't need to be a member. Because of financial pressures we have had to put the price up to £4 - not bad value for an evenings entertainment.***

### South Yorkshire Salmon and Trout Conservation evenings

**Monday 19th November:** Clark Colman Fishing in the Lake District's hill tarns. Clark works for Orvis in Harrogate and in the first of two presentations for us will talk about fishing hill tarns for wild fish in the Lake District and beyond.

**Monday 3rd December:** Paul Gaskell and John Pearson. Tenkara and nymphing. Branch members Paul and John from Discover Tenkara will be talking about Tenkara fishing and modern nymphing.

**Monday 7th January:** Dave Southall Fishing in extreme conditions. 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. Dave will be talking about how to talk 'extreme' conditions and the flies and techniques you can use to keep you catching.

**Monday 4th February:** Clark Colman Coastal Fly Fishing. In the second of his talks, Clark, from Orvis in Harrogate, will be talking about saltwater fly fishing on the Yorkshire coast and around the UK.

***The meetings are held at the Phoenix Sports Club off Balby Road , Brinsworth and start at 7.30.***

***There will as usual a small charge on the door to cover the cost of the evening.***



## **Fly Tiers Corner**



### **Double Badger**

This is one of the iconic flies for fishing for both Trout and Grayling. It has been classed as a fly for Derbyshire but works extremely well over all types of rivers. What natural it represents is unclear, but what is clear is when adult flies are on the water, this fly can work well.

#### **Materials**

Hook; Partridge # 14 /16

Silk; Pearsall's No 8 (Purple)

Body; Peacock Herl

Hackles; Badger Cock (Size to match the gape of the hook)

#### **Method.**

- 1 Wind silk from half way down the hook shank , down to just onto the bend.
- 2 Wind the silk back for two or three turns to form a bed for the rear hackle.
- 3 Tie in the hackle and wind forward for two or three turns, tie off the hackle and remove remainder of the hackle.
- 4 Tie in two three or four Peacock herls, depending on the size of the hook, twist into a rope and wind forward to 2/3 down the hook shank. Tie off the herl and cut off the extra herl.
- 5 Catch in the front hackle, wind forward for two or three turns, tie off, remove the extra hackle and whip finish.

### **European Grayling Conservation, Ecology & Management**

A Practical Conservation Guide  
For the United Kingdom

#### ***“About the Guide***

*The guide is multi-authored and has been produced with the intention of informing clubs, fisheries, and organisations such as The Grayling Society, Wild Trout Trust and Rivers Trusts about the need for grayling conservation as pressures increase on UK aquatic ecosystems.*

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*It describes some of the management techniques that can be adopted to protect the future of the European grayling and its fisheries. Staff with some knowledge of grayling ecology within the Environment Agency, Natural Resources Wales and Scottish Government (in England, Wales & Scotland) should find the document informative and of use in protecting and safeguarding the future of UK populations– it is not a panacea but should help to guide the reader, be they fisheries professional or keen amateur, in the direction of useful knowledge, technical advice and practical assistance.*

*A river assessment checklist and simple flowchart in the appendices, should help identify potential issues causing / contributing to declining populations or life-cycle bottlenecks.”*

*Autors:*

*Rich J Cove*

*Ryan Taylor*

*Ross Gardiner*

### **European Grayling Conservation, Ecology & Management**

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A Grayling Research Trust Publication

The book has been produced by the Grayling Research Trust in a understandable way so that it can be easily understood by all.

This booklet will be free to members and if posted out to members there will be a small charge for posting. There will be booklets available at out meetings for anyone interested in grayling conservation.

Brian



# RECYCLE YOUR FISHING LINE

## What has this got to do with line recycling?

The amount of line UK anglers send to landfill or incineration every year would reach to the moon.

384,400 km

## How do I recycle my fishing line?

### Step 1

To find out where your local recycling point is you have two options;

Visit the Anglers National Line Recycling Scheme Facebook page where you will find a list of all participating shops/venues.

Visit our website [www.anglers-nlrs.co.uk](http://www.anglers-nlrs.co.uk)

### Step 2

Keep your old monofilament and braid separate and take it along to your chosen recycling point. The shop may have separate bins for braid and mono but if they have a single bin please keep the braid bagged and place this in the bin.

### Step 3

No recycling points near by? You can post it to us via ANLRS, c/o Tools n Tackle, 11 Bridge St, Newhaven BN9 9PH.

### How is it recycled?

The waste line is sent to a recycling processor that returns it to a useable material. Recycled nylon is currently used to make traffic cones, wetsuits and sports clothing.



*"Something the whole of angling can agree on"*



For more information visit: [www.anglers-nlrs.co.uk](http://www.anglers-nlrs.co.uk)

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# CORMORANT WATCH



## Seen a cormorant or goosander?

Please help us by recording sightings to persuade governments to increase the number of licences to shoot these highly damaging birds



Male Goosander



Female Goosander

Report sightings online at  
[www.cormorantwatch.com](http://www.cormorantwatch.com)



Show your support and help spread awareness of this issue by downloading this poster from [www.anglingtrust.net/cormorants](http://www.anglingtrust.net/cormorants)

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Join today at [www.anglingtrust.net](http://www.anglingtrust.net) or 0343 5077 006

**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  
Cheques made out to  
Grayling Society Area 8

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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** 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)**

**£5.00 Junior (16 or under)**

*Please phone me on:*

*01246 271324 or 07711 905776.*

*Thank you for your co-operation*

*Brian*