



## THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH



***“LEST WE FORGET”***



As some of you will have already heard a very good friend of the Grayling Society, Malcolm Greenhalgh died last month as a result of complications following a heart operation. Malcolm visited us several times over the years to entertain, amuse and pass on his wealth of knowledge of fishing and fly-life. Malcolm was a prolific writer of books and articles, he also tied for us two limited editions of grayling flies, all of which were mounted by another friend, the late Ray Gibson. Dr Malcolm Greenhalgh was one of the most well known and respected members of the angling community and will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and condolences go to his wife Yvonne, family and all his many great friends.

Tight lines old friend  
Brian

## News From The Front

This year's Symposium and A.G.M. was held at the Metropole Hotel in Llandrindod Wells, hosted this year by Geoff Bevan's Area. The speakers were Paul Morgan, TV presenter Will Millard and Photographer and Biologist Roger Lockyer. The winner of this year's Righyni Roose Trophy, the topic being "the written word" was Steven Murgatroyd with his piece "Instant Karma"

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The recipient this year for "The President's Reel" was Dr Les Jervis, for his work and articles on grayling research. This Auction in aid of the Grayling Research Trust raised just over £1800. Many thanks to all who contributed to the auction with prizes and with their generous donations. Friday and Saturday brought rain and more rain, but after easing on Saturday some of us managed to wet a fly or two and drowned some maggots. Catches for those of us who did manage to get down to the rivers were, taking conditions into account quite good, with a good head of grayling landed.



Geoff Bevan in full flight



Some of the delegates



Yours truly just after my first Grayling  
(Photo by Tony Prothero)



Steve Kavanagh long trotting

### Evenings

Our first speaker of the season was Chris Firth M.B.E, who is a trustee of the River Don Catchment Trust. He came along to give a very interesting and informative talk about the River Don in South Yorkshire, it's history, how it became an open sewer in the 1800's and the rivers revival in the last 25 years.



Chris in mid talk

At the same evening, Mike Hallam president of the Cressbrook and Litton Fly fishers Club presented a cheque in the sum of £175 for the Grayling Research Trust. This money was raised from their Cane and Silk day on their water on the River Wye.



Mike Hallam presenting me with the cheque

## Masterclass

On the 19th of October we had part 2 of our "Insect Identification" days at the Village hall in Ashford in the Water. Once again we were brilliantly lead by Stuart Crofts who provided most of the microscopes, all the equipment to use with the microscopes, the insect identification books and the live samples.

The day consisted of selecting samples and identifying them using the microscope and text books, down to species level.



The delegates Stuart and the "boss" Janet sneaking into the kitchen



Dave Percival checking a sample out ??

Dave Percival came on a flying visit around lunch time. We suspect, not to help with the course but to sample the food !!! The day was a total success so thanks must go to all concerned, Steve for organising the day Janet for the food and Stuart for his excellent tuition and guidance.

## Winter Program

### *Talks*

**November 13 th: Dave Southall**

Fishing in the mountain streams of Austria

**December 11 th: Stuart Crofts**

Sex, Insects and Fly-Fishing

**January 15 th: Don Stazicker**

Things I thought I knew about fly fishing

**February 12 th: Steve Skuce**

Fishing for Grayling and flies that work

**March 11 th: Phil White**

Lough Corrib and surrounding rivers

As usual the evening talks will be held at the Rutland Hotel Bakewell. Talks commence 7.30 pm

### **South Yorkshire S&TC**

Events programme 2019/20 Meetings start at 7.30pm, at The Phoenix Club Brinsworth

**Wednesday 20th November: Paul Gaskell.** Making wet flies great again: from Italy to Yorkshire with love. Exploring connections between the Yorkshire spider tradition, modern competition methods and Italian fly fishing. Presentation with video and images.

**Wednesday 4th December: Dave Woodhead.** Fishing the River Wear: how, when and where. Drawing on his vast experience, Dave will talk about how to tackle fishing the Wear for salmon and sea trout and also look at how the river has fished this season.

**Wednesday 8th January: Michael Charlton-Weedy:** The River Ure and its Salmon. Author of the salmon fishing blog 'Just One Week', Michael (aka 'MCX Fisher') will talk about the history of the river Ure Salmon, it's recovery as a salmon river and how and where to fish it.

**Wednesday 5th February: Howard Croston:** Competition fly fishing. TBC. England international fly fisher will talk about competition fly fishing and report on the world championship in Tasmania.

### **Fly tying Masterclasses**

**18th January Stuart Crofts**

"The Corners of my Fly Box"

**15th February Don Stazicker**

"Making your flies properly. Why proportions matter"

The days will be held at the village hall Ashford in the Water The cost of the day including tea, coffee, biscuits and Lunch will be £35.00. cheques made out to The Grayling Society Area 8.

If interested contact Steve Langan  
doclangan@hotmail.com

## Fly Tiers Corner



Griffiths Gnat

According to John Roberts in his book "A Guide to River Trout Flies"

*"Fished awash in the film it provides a good impression of the half-pupa, half-adult insect."*

I have found the use of this fly in several sizes very effective from both trout and grayling in many situations, river and weather conditions and hatches of fly.

### **Materials**

**Hook;** TMC 103 bl 21# to 15#  
**Thread;** Brown 08 Unithread  
**Body;** One or two (depending on hook size)  
Peacock herl  
**Hackle;** Grizzle cock  
**Tail (optional);** Any type of glitter

### **Method**

- 1) Catch on the thread and wind down 1/3 of the hook.
- 2) Catch in the glitter and bind down to the bend of the Hook and cut to length.
- 3) Catch in the peacock herl and wind the thread back back down the hook ,but leave a little space for whip Finish.
- 4) Wind the herl forward and bind in.
- 5) Wind the hackle forward through the peacock herl and bind in
- 6) Whip finish

## Reviews

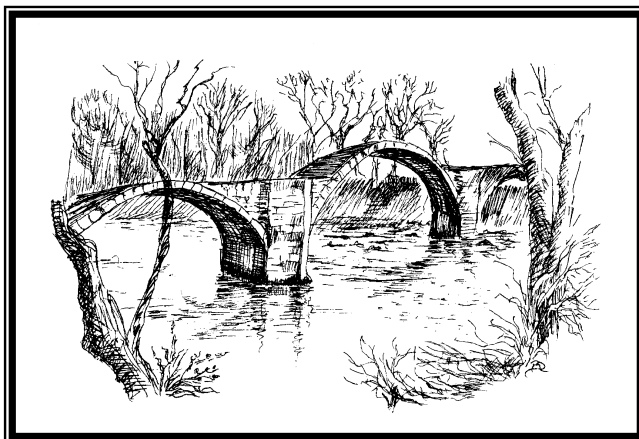


### Keatons Fly Hook Disgorger

Several months ago I met up with the inventor of this interesting concept for a hook disgorger. When I first saw the prototype I thought it was just another tool which would do the same job as other disgorgers. I was given a demonstration of the tool and it was then that the ingenuity of the tool became apparent. Although the disgorger can be used for any hook or fly, the main objective of the tool was to be able to remove a deep hooked bead type fly without the possibility of secondary hooking. As can be seen from the information sheet (across) after the tool is slipped down the leader to the hook the "v" pushes out the hook and the curve at the end of the tool tends to rotate the point of the hook into the underside of the end of the tool. With a little practice I found this worked very well but the part of the operation I found a little difficult to master was how to put tension on the leader around my finger, but practice makes perfect. The reason for the use of the line around the finger is to remove the temptation of holding the leader in the mouth. I found this disgorger a very useful tool and would recommend that it be part of your fishing kit for both fly and bait anglers.

For further details see [www.keatonscatchcare](http://www.keatonscatchcare)

Brian



Drawn by Dr Ron Broughton

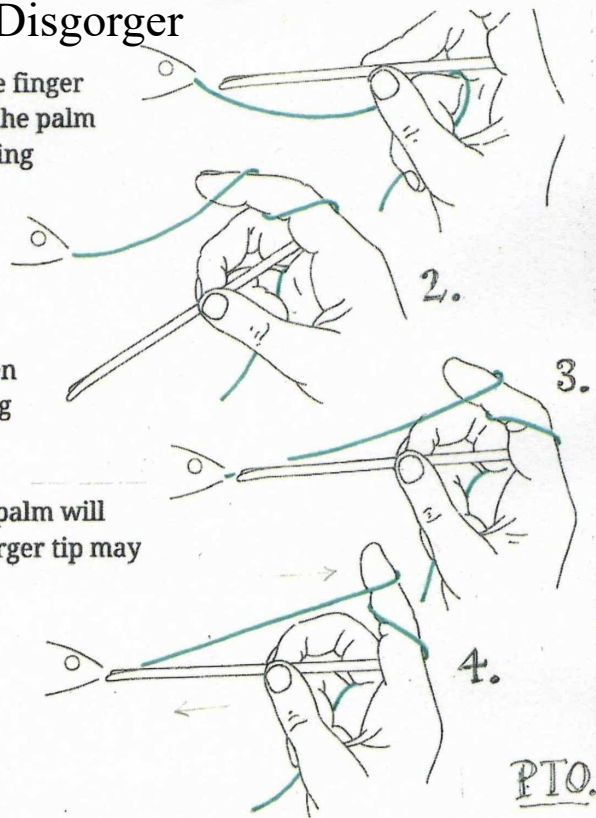
## Keatons Fly Hook Disgorger

1. Taking the Disgorger between thumb and middle finger (leaving the index finger free) take the line across the palm and out between the middle and third finger. Leaving approximately a disgorger's length of line to the fish close the third and little finger to the palm thus trapping/tensioning the line.

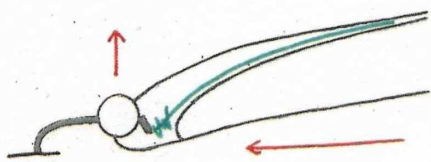
2. Lowering the tip of the disgorger, take the line across the back of the middle and index fingers then make two wraps about the index finger terminating at its uppermost joint.

3. At this point a slight loosening of the grip in the palm will allow further line to be fed through so as the disgorger tip may again be realigned at the mouth of the fish.

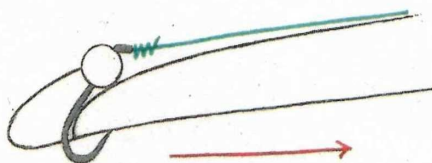
4. Re-tightening the grip in the palm so as to trap the line, by raising/straightening the index finger and thus tensioning the line the disgorger may be fed along the underside of the line to the hook.



6. The internal taper of the disgorger is such that fractionally before contact with the hook the hook is elevated thus allowing the gape of the disgorger to underpass any potentially obstructive hook dressings and ultimately make secure contact at the bend of the hook.



7. Assuming tension is maintained, once the hook is free the disgorger's internal taper further ensures that the hook point is angled safely to the underside of the disgorger thus negating further unintentional 'hookups' upon its withdrawal.



## WHY?

Keatons Fly Hook Disgorger has been specifically designed as a conservation aid particularly with smaller, wild and juvenile fish in mind. This said the Disgorger may be utilised to relieve awkward 'hook holds' on fish of all sizes as appropriate.

Concerning smaller 'specimens' and juvenile fish and in particular their uncanny knack of literally making a mouthful of improbably large flies, in such instances given the limited room for manoeuvre, forceps, an ordinarily indispensable tool, may not on every occasion prove ideal.

As demonstrated on Youtube Keatons. or at [www.KeatonsCatchCare](http://www.KeatonsCatchCare). by following the guidelines overleaf and with no more practice than it might take to master a good knot the removal of dressed and beaded hooks, large and small, may be safely accomplished.

In all instances Keatons recommend the use of barbless hooks.



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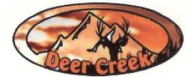
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### Step 1

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

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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.

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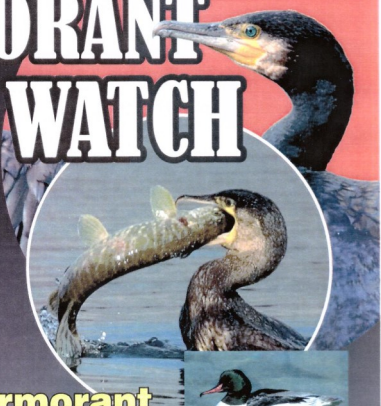


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**Whether you can shoot on your fisheries or not the attached poster can bring this campaign to the notice of your members and encourage them to report cormorants on your fisheries. This may result in us getting more birds on individual and group licences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

Brian



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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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*Brian*