



The Grayling Society

Newsletter

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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

You Know you've tried it!!!!

"Herrrrre Fishy, Fishy, Fishy, Fishy"

News From the Front

THE GRAYLING SOCIETY SYMPOSIUM and AGM 2021

As we are all very well aware, the Coronavirus outbreak this year devastated plans of all types of events throughout the country.

Our Symposium and AGM should have taken place on the 17th and 18th October at the Mickleover Court Hotel in Mickleover. It is a venue we had used before with great success but sadly, the Committee had to take the decision, quite correctly, to cancel the Symposium. However, in the couple of months leading up to our cancellation, the hotel had undergone changes of personnel and entered into a partnership with **Best Western Hotels**. This was because of **B.W.'s** better marketing skills and a well known and respected reputation. The hotel is now part of the "**Derby Mickleover Best Western Signature Collection**". It was due to re-open on September 7th but that has now been put back to October 2nd.

We hope that we will be able to have the planned Symposium and AGM in mid-October 2021, at the Mickleover Hotel and with as many of the same speakers and activities as possible.

We will keep you informed of all developments.

Fly Tying Competition

We have decided that this winter period we will be holding a series of fly tying competitions for members of the society on our mailing list. **Each entrant will submit 3 identical flies using the published materials.** There will be a prize for each winner, this month a **£20.00 gift voucher** to be spent at the **Orvis shop in Bakewell**. Entries will not be returned but will be mounted in a fly box which will be auctioned at the end of the winter season. The proceeds of the auction will be donated to charity, so it is hoped that all you budding fly tiers will try your luck.

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The first fly to be tied is;

Don Stazicker's Mayfly Sparkling Dun



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Materials;

- Hook:** # 12 Dry Fly
Thread: Grey 8/0 70 denier nylon
Rib: Brown Thread
Shuck: Amber Zelon, or Antron or Sparkle yarn, whatever you use should be translucent.
Abdomen: Creamy shaggy dubbing, e.g. Wapsi Life Cycle or Haretron.
Wing: Natural Deer hair, capable of flaring when tied in.
Thorax: Dark brown shaggy dunning, type as abdomen.

When finished, the wing fibres should be in a single plane when viewed from the side, when viewed from the front they should for a 180 degree arc.

All entries must reach me, **Brian Clarke, 21 Corve Way, Chesterfield, S40 4YA** by **Friday 30th of October** to be considered. All entries must be accompanied by the full name and contact details of the entrant. The flies will be judged by a panel including Don Stazicker

Zoom Meetings

As an experiment and in an attempt to keep in touch with members, we are considering trying one Zoom meeting. If successful more Zoom meetings with some of our well known speakers lasting about 45 minutes will be arranged. For those who do not know about Zoom it is a virtual meeting run on a computer app. We are looking into the feasibility of this method of meetings and will be giving further details shortly, but in the mean time members who think they may be interested should let me know A.S.A.P.

Brian
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Grayling Society "Catch Returns" September

I have received the Society grayling Catch Returns for September for our area. All seems to be going well **with 10 anglers filling in returns, 14 reports in total on 6 rivers (Rother, Derwent, Wye, Dove, Witham and Calder) and in total 74 grayling were landed.**

As the grayling season gets underway I hope to get more reports which will give a better indication of how well the grayling are doing locally.

The previous months returns showed that we have also had returns from the Rivers Don and Dearne.

There has been a recent release of 40,000 grayling fry to the Rother in Chesterfield, I understand that the E.A. have no plans to monitor the progress of the fry, so it is more important than ever that we should do our bit.

With grayling populations from Hazelhead on the upper Don down to Rotherham, in the Dearne from above Darton almost down to Barnsley and grayling being caught around Chesterfield and in the Rother upstream from the Don, prospects do seem to be looking good. **Cont;**

Most of the fishing on these three rivers in the River Don system is free with only 4 or 5 clubs having control of some sections. As you can expect particularly around Sheffield and Rotherham the surroundings are very industrial but the fishing is as good as any on some of the well known grayling rivers.

Many thanks to all who have contributed to the Catch Return and hope you will keep up the good work and encourage your fishing friend also to contribute, the more the better. If any of you fish the West Yorkshire River Calder or Lincolnshire River Witham it would be great to hear from you and tell me all about your waters.

Brian

Orvis Bakewell



Kevan Stevenson



Bob Lomax

Starting next weekend 5/6 October until further notice, Bob Lomax and Kevan Stevenson will be demonstration fly tying in the Orvis shop in Bakewell. As yet it has not been decided who will be demonstrating on the Saturday and who will be there on the Sunday. Each have their own unique tying styles and fly patterns they use on local waters to great effect. For further information or you want to see a particular fly tier please phone the shop (01629 810226).

Fly Tiers Corner

Over the winter period I have decided to try an experiment with well known dry flies. Some of you may already do this. I am going to tie traditional dry flies parachute style using the original materials.

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Grey Duster

According to John Roberts in his book *A Guide to River Trout Flies*, He states “ *Authorities variously suggest that the Grey Duster in the appropriate sizes is useful to imitate caenis, midges, assorted olives, four or five stonefly species, the mayfly and moths*”. If this it is so, then it is a truly versatile fly indeed and one we should all have in our collection of flies in our box.

Materials;

Hook; (My choice) TMC 103 BL #15 or 17
Threads; Brown Uni Thread and white GSP
Post; White TMC Winging antron (one strand)
Hackle; Badger Cock (genetic preferred)
Tail; Light grey speckled Coq de Lion
Body; Mole or rabbit fur
Thorax; Brown/grey fine dubbing

Method;

- 1) Wind on the thread half way down the hook, wind the thread back almost to the hook eye.
- 2) Take one strand of antron, hook the antron behind the thread, lift and bind in on top of the hook. Bind the antron both sides of the base then about 3mm up around the two strands to form the post.
- 3) Wind the thread down to the bend of the hook and catch in the tail fibres, wind the thread up to the post, cut off the excess tail fibres and wind the thread back down to the bend of the hook.
- 4) Finely dub on the Mole or Rabbit fur and wind forward to the post.
- 5) Strip off the base fluff from the hackle and bind onto the base of the post, lift up the hackle making sure that you have 3 mm of clear stalk to bind up the post.

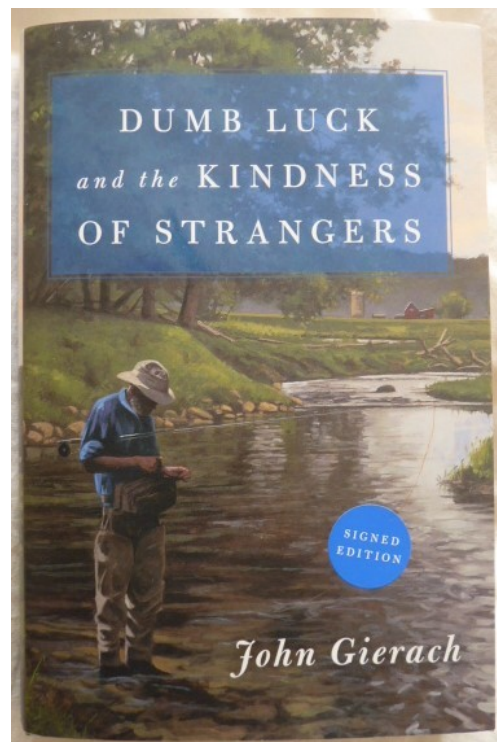
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- 6) Wind the thread down the post and lightly dub on the brown dubbing. Wind the dubbing, in a figure of 8 either side of the post to form a small thorax.
- 7) Whip finish and cut off the thread.
- 8) Turn the fly on its side and bind on the GSP thread. (At this point we need a really strong and fine thread).
- 9) Wind the hackle down the post, one turn below the other and bind in with the thread. Cut off the excess hackle and trim the post to length.
- 10) Whip finish around the post, cut off the thread.

If you try this variation of the classic fly, please let me know how you get on.

Brian

Book Review



I am not one for a lot of reading books, but John Gierach is one author who's books I go out of my way to read. His latest book “*DUMB LUCK and the KINDNESS OF STRANGERS*” is the last of over twenty books he has had published. His sharp wit and sense of humour shines through when he recalls his early experiences as a young man when he first moved from his home in Illinois to Colorado. What he actually writes about in this book is his experiences with a fly rod in his hand with friends fishing around his home waters and many other places in North America. It can be seen that he may think the appeal of fly fishing as not being the perfect antidote to life's problems but it does help. Another one of John Gierach's books well worth a read.

The book a signed first edition can be purchased from Coch-y-Bonddu Books price £25.00p

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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.

Price £6.50 + p&p
Cheques made out to
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STOP THE SPREAD



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 your equipment and clothing for live organisms - particularly in areas that are damp or hard to inspect.



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 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



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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

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

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