



The Grayling Society

Newsletter

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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Look forward not back !!

News From the Front

Dear All

Both Tim Taylor our Membership Secretary and I have had several members emails bounce back, this is because members have changed their email address and not informed either Tim or myself of their new details. If we do not have your correct details we will not be able to contact you. In future could I ask all members if they have changed any of their contact details (home address, mobile or home telephone numbers, or email address) PLEASE LET BOTH TIM AND I KNOW YOUR NEW DETAILS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

*Many Thanks for your co-operation
Brian*

At the time of writing this Newsletter I have received very sad news about one of our long standing members. I was informed of the tragic and untimely death, during the night of Tuesday 21st January, of Jamie Pittham in a road traffic accident. Jamie had been a member since his Junior days, but of late because of his work commitments had not been able to attend our meetings and fishing days. I am sure like me you would all wish to send your sincere condolences to his whole family including his father Geoff (Russ), his mother Jane and his grandfather John Mycock.

January Fishing Day

In my last Newsletter I explained that I had to cancel our November fishing day because of high river levels and some flooding. But days after I cancelled the fishing, the conditions became considerably worse with extensive flooding in North Derbyshire and South Yorkshire. The same floods in November washed away over 300 bales of a farmers hay, not only blocking the River Derwent for a time in places, but, also when the plastic wrapping had been ripped away the hay covered the bankside trees and bushes for miles downstream. The hay gave the bankside vegetation a look of the Florida Everglades with masses of hay draped on branches up to a level only inches below the top of the flood banks.

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Cromford Everglades

On Sunday the 20th of January we finally managed to get onto the river. Fifteen intrepid angler sallied forth on the Sunday morning, first meeting up for tea, coffee and bacon and egg sandwiches at the Greyhound in Cromford. When we arrived at the river, it was rising, not too coloured after the overnight heavy rain and just about fishable. As the day progressed conditions worsened, until late afternoon when things started to settle down and the river started to clear a little. Hay caught in the trees and on sub surface obstacles made conditions even more difficult, making nymphing and bait fishing a problem in several swims.



Time to set up

Rob Hartley was the first to land fish, long trotting with maggot he managed two nice brown trout from the pool below Cromford Bridge. This is usually a productive pool which Rob has fished before on a previous visit, but on the day with the river level high and coloured, the slower eddy near into the bank produced the fish.

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Rob in his favourite pool

A little further down stream, Keith Mallinson managed a small brown trout on nymph. Because of the hay on the bottom he found using nymph to be a little problematic, but never the less Keith was one of the anglers who did manage to land fish. On the lower beats Karl Humphries also managed to land a small brown trout on fly. He also experienced difficulties with river condition but did have some success.



Karl in the undergrowth

But Hilary Langan spanked all the guys with a catch of four good trout, one good grayling and a beautiful chub of about three pounds, all from one swim. Hilary persevered and carried on fishing until quite late after other anglers had packed up.



Hilary pointing out a Kingfisher to Rod Calbrade



Hilary's Chub

After a hard day on the river we all returned to the warmth of the Greyhound for drinks and a meal. Roast belly pork and crackling, roast potatoes, green beans, cauliflower cheese and apple sauce.

Our thanks must go to Cromford Fly Fishing Club, John Pass and his team, who helped and guided us and management and staff of the Greyhound.

Grayling Fishers Evenings

At our first evening of the new year, on the 15th of January, our speaker was Don Stazicker, with his talk entitled "*What we thought we knew about Fly Fishing*". To a full house of over 50 people, his talk consisted of wonderfully detailed photographs of fish, flies and fish taking flies, as well as an exceptionally informative video.



The packed room



Lots of questions at half time

The photographs and videos showed us in minute detail how, when and where fish take both the natural and artificial flies. His accompanying explanation of the pictorial element of his talk was to say the least, very informative and gave the audience a whole new perspective on fly fishing.



Fly tying Masterclass

The first of our "Fly Tying Masterclasses" took place at the Village Hall in Ashford in the Water on Saturday 18th of January.



Stuart Demonstrating one of his patterns

Stuart Crofts once again lead the day with his demonstration entitled "From the Corners on My Fly Box". Stuart as always, introduced us to 4 of his innovative fly patterns, one of which, a Mayfly pattern, he found tangled in a tree. With a little tweaking he made this excellent pattern more durable.



Stuart helping Keith with one of the patterns

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Chilli for lunch



Just some of the "happy campers"

As can be seen it is not all fly tying, we had a great lunch, with the tea, coffee and biscuits, as and when we wanted. Technology for filming was provided by Don Stazicker, many thanks Don. But thanks to Stuart for another brilliant day.

Grayling Fishers Evenings

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 at 7.30 pm

Fly Tying Masterclasses

15th February Don Stazicker

"Making your flies properly. Why proportions matter"

The day 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.

Don Stazicker's day is now full but if you wish to be put on a waiting list for Don's day please contact;

Steve Langan

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Trout and Flies

Getting Closer



Peter Hayes and Don Stazicker

The aim of this book is to help fly fishers catch more fish. We want people to see with greater clarity, and understand, what really happens when trout take flies, both natural and artificial. We find that the more our success comes from greater understanding, the happier we are with our fishing, and we hope to make you happier with yours. We are inviting you to share in research that we initiated to satisfy our curiosity, and ended up producing useful conclusions. The results sometimes supported what we thought we knew but often they overturned our comfortable assumptions. There are many theories in fly fishing and often that's just what they are, theories. We've been there and bought the books, some that just repeat the ideas of previous authors and some that contain original research and valid findings. But many theories and ideas prevalent amongst those who fly fish for trout have no basis in fact or are just dead wrong. Not all of them are in the written word: some are folklore.

The thousands of hours that we have spent over the last four years (resulting in 3,500 video clips and 14,000 photographs), filming and analysing trout and fly behaviour frame by frame in high definition, has led us to develop new interpretations, draw new conclusions and to suggest new strategies and imitations. We have filmed strategies, imitations, and presentations, both old and new, to assess their effectiveness. The book has harvested the most relevant material into 351 pages, including 340 photos and links to 36 videos. The e-book format makes it possible for us to share those crucial high definition photographs, and as a free bonus evidential videos, so that you can evaluate what they show, and assess the sense of what we say-- or disagree with it and form your own conclusions.

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We have become forensic fly fishers. You can see the evidence we have gathered.

We have used high definition slow motion video to analyse the behaviour of fish, the prey on which they feed and the imitations and methods of presentation used to catch them. By slowing down the action, we have been able to see what escapes the unaided human eye. We have filmed trout feeding on the surface and underwater and the results have fundamentally altered how we tie and present our flies, especially to selective, hard to catch fish.

Over four years of fishing and filming on rivers around the world have been distilled into this book making it invaluable for fly fishers, from beginners to experts, fishing on any trout stream from gentle spring creeks to big brawling freestone rivers.

Throughout the book, we use QR codes and hyperlinks to free video clips of our original research. You won't just be reading what we have discovered but you'll be able to look at the video evidence and find out for yourself exactly what you've been missing streamside.

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There are new fly patterns designed not only to imitate the appearance of the trout's food but, equally important, its behaviour.

Our photographs, diagrams, and videos make it clear how trout and flies interact.

Knowing more about why your fly fooled the trout lets you own more of the take.

We ask and answer 42 questions of major importance to fly fishing success, such as:

Is any feeding trout uncatchable?

Is presentation more important than imitation?

Are trout ever selective?

When is the rise to a floating fly triggered?

Do trout hold the fly in the window's edge for a better view?

Where is the fly when the trout accepts or rejects it?

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How far will trout divert for a dun or a nymph?
Do emerger patterns imitate emergers?
Can we imitate fly behaviour?

Can the rise form tell us the species of fly taken

Charles Jardine says:

...“Is reading this book going to change your fly fishing view-
as it is has with me? Unequivocally.

Just read and watch.....and learn.

A book of our time.....and the future. Trout...be afraid...very
afraid”.

Paul Schullery says:

...“What an extraordinary gift Peter Hayes and Don Stazicker
have given us with

Trout and Flies – Getting Closer.

As the song says, You ain't never seen nothin' like this
before.”

**Trout and Flies - Getting Closer is now available in the
Amazon Kindle Bookstore.**

**Simply type the title into the Amazon search box to find
the book.**

You don't need a Kindle to read this book, it will work on
tablets, iPads, Android and iPhones, PCs and Macs.

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attached screen grab.

The book is best viewed in the Kindle Reader app on a PC or
Mac so that you can see the high resolution pictures at their
best.

The video links work best on PCs and Macs as well.

It reads well on tablets but you might need your fly-tying
spectacles on small phones.

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We hope you enjoy the book as much as we have enjoyed
creating it,

Yours in angling friendship,

Peter and Don

The trailer for this book supplied by David Marriott

South Yorkshire Salmon & Trout Conservation

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

There has been a programme Change

**Howard Croston is now unavailable for the 5th of
February.**

**Tuesday 4th February; Melvyn Wood will be talking
about “Fishing Wild Waters”**

You don't have to be a member All are welcome.

Fly Tiers Corner



Mr Tangerine Man

This is one of Steve's own patterns and makes use of a
heavy and gaudy tungsten bead mixed with CDC Although
CDC is primarily used in dry flies it can work well on
nymphs since it holds air and glistens underwater. It also
moves seductively in a current.

Materials

Hook: Kamasan B170 # 10, 12,14
Silk: Brown
Bead: Dayglo orange tungsten - (bead to match the
hook size)
Tail: Pale Orange CDC fibres
Body: Stripped Peacock quill
Hackle: Pale Orange CDC hackle
Collar: Hare's Ear

Method

1. Fix tungsten bead to hook ensuring the 'indented' side
is towards the bend. (I usually lay a bed of silk and a
thin layer of superglue as a bed for the bead.) It won't
come off then!
2. Wind silk back on behind bead and run it down the
hook trapping the end of a CDC hackle and adjusting
to form a tail extending over the back of the hook
about 3-4mm.
3. At the bend tie in a stripped Peacock quill.
4. Run silk back towards back of bead.
5. Wind the quill up the hook and trap, tie off and
remove waste about 2mm behind bead.
6. Now tie in another CDC hackle, by the tip, at the point
where the quill finished.
7. Take silk up to bead.
8. Using hackle pliers wind the hackle forward towards
the bead ensuring you fold the individual fibres
backwards as you wind.
9. Take about 3-4 turns and tie off at the back of the
bead, cut off waste and smooth the fibres backward
and secure with a couple of turns of silk.
10. Dub a very small amount of Hare's ear to the silk and
wind immediately behind the bead. This helps to
conceal the whip finish.
11. Whip finish

Steve Skuce

Friends of Area 8



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Please Note

Fly only have moved premises, they are still situated in the same building complex but are now sited behind the old shop. There will be a sign on the old shop giving directions for the new shop entrance further down the front of the building. All contact details and opening times will remain the same.

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Scan the code

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
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Grayling Society Area 8

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STOP THE SPREAD
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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

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Thank you for your co-operation

Brian



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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.



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