



The Grayling Society

Newsletter

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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH **Happy New Year to one and all**

News From the Front

I recently received an email from Tim Taylor our Membership Secretary asking me to have a word with several members who had not changed to the new system of paying subscriptions. These few members are still paying by standing order into the TSB. Although I have contacted some of the members I have been unable to contact all.

From Tim Taylor;

After repeated emails and reminders several members have not yet set up new payment details for their subscriptions. These members are still on the old system of payment by standing orders.

1 The Society has had to move its old bank account from the T.S.B. because of difficulties we have been experiencing over a number of years.

2 As the old account is now closed their standing orders are now defunct .

3 We need all members to pay by "Direct Debit" in future by logging in to the membership system, going to payment and selecting pre-authorise and direct debit and filling in their sort code and account number. If they have any problems and need help they can contact me at evenings or weekends on 07818 427350 or email membership@graylingsociety.net

4 If they do not wish to pay via the new Society system they can pay by cheque. Cheques to be sent to me, Membership Secretary, The Grayling Society, 86 Rushmore Road, London, E5 OEX

5 If payments are not made by 28th of February the Society is obliged by Data Protection Laws to remove them from our system.

If you are unsure as to whether you are still paying on the old Standing Order system PLEASE contact me on 07711 905 776 or Tim Taylor. I will try again to contact the 4 members who I have yet not been able to talk to.

Brian

Stop Press

At the time of writing I have just been informed that our very own Stuart Crofts has been offered and accepted the position of one of the twelve Vice Presidents of the Wild Trout Trust. This I understand is following the death of two of the long standing Vice Presidents Malcolm Greenhalgh and Peter O'Reilly. I am sure you as I do congratulate Stuart on this well deserved accolade for his angling expertise and excellent hard work studying aquatic invertebrate and fly life.

Grayling Fishers Evening

Another full house for Stuart Crofts for his latest talk entitled "Sex, Insects and Fly-Fishing". At this point I must emphasise he was talking about how insects procreate !!!



A very animated Stuart

This was a topic that most of the audience had not even thought about, but by the end of his talk we were all more enlightened and understood some reasons why fish are attracted by certain flies at certain times of the day and year

Cont:

Grayling Fishers Evening



Stuart enthralling his audience

His method of delivery was refreshing with quite a lot of audience participation and the quality of illustrations and videos were excellent.

I am now looking forward to his new talk which he is putting together for The Grayling Society's Symposium next October at Mickleover near Derby.

As can be seen on our Winter Programme, on the 15th of January our next speaker is Don Stazicker, with his talk entitled "Things I thought I knew about fly fishing". Like Stuart Crofts, Don is a great observer and photographer of river fly life which has given him a great insight to fishing methods and new fly patterns.

Email from Alisdair Duncan

Hi Brian,

Could you please pass on our thanks to all your members who supported the Flies and Pies evening at Orvis Bakewell.

The event was a huge success and we managed to raise a grand total of **£1250** from the auction and raffle. Can we take this opportunity to thank all those members of the Grayling Society & Local Clubs that supported the event - allowing us to continue the auction at Stuart Crofts Grayling Evening which further boosted the donations!

The money raised this year will go towards the Ladybower Fisheries' Accessibility Project, which raises funds needed for a unique 8-person wheelchair accessible boat to take groups of people out on the water in the heart of the Peak District.

Finally, we would like to thank you all for your custom over the last 12 months, and we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Many thanks,
The Orvis Bakewell Team

Marie, Sam, Alisdair, John, Don, Chad, Sandy, Deb, Sue & Jayne

Winter Programme

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

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.

Both the days are now full but if you wish to be put on a waiting list for either or both days please contact

Steve Langan

doclangan@hotmail.com

These events have proved very popular for the last few years and we intend to run them again during winter 2021.

Not only do participants learn how to tie the flies used by the demonstrators, but you will also learn where and when to use the flies. All are welcome but unfortunately we have to limit numbers to 20 so early booking with Steve is advisable.

South Yorkshire Salmon & Trout Conservation

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

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.

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

Fly Tiers Corner



Bob's Wonder wing Stonefly

This fly is one of the many innovative flies invented by Bob Lomax, one of our Area 8 members and regular fly tying demonstrators at fairs and shows. It is a fly which can be adapted slightly depending on hook size. It is intended to represent Stoneflies in larger hook sizes and midges in smaller sizes. Bob told me that the fly in its various styles catches on both still waters and rivers, particularly on the River Derwent for both trout and grayling. For smaller midge sizes any time of the year but for Stonefly from April until mid summer to late summer.

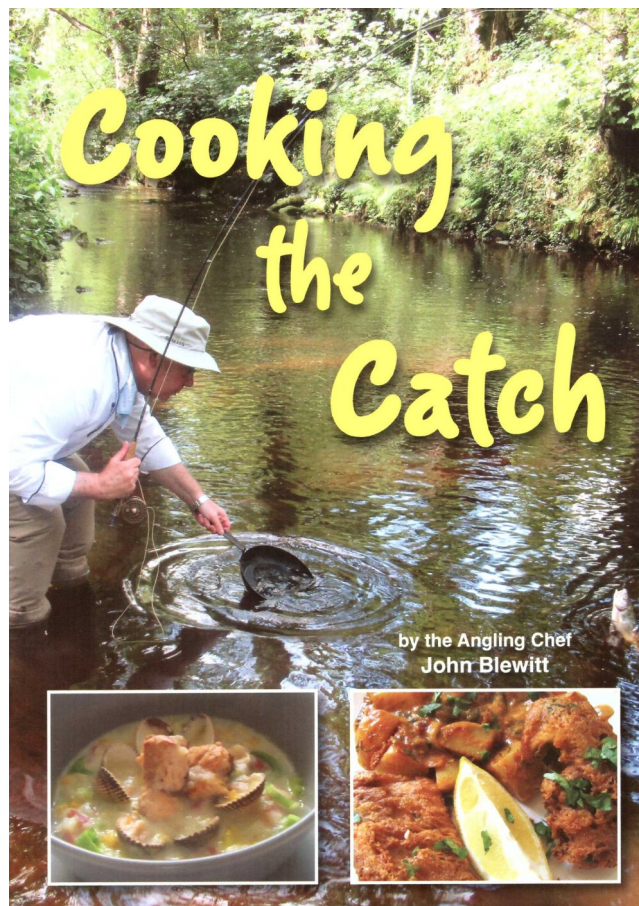
Materials

- Hook;** # 16-14 SLD (Stonefly) #18 (Midge)
Thread; Black
Body; Dubbed Black Musk Rat (Stonefly) Black Tread (Midge)
Wing; Single or Double Grizzle Wonder Wing
Hackle; Grizzle cock. (Trimmed across the bottom)

Tying Sequence

- 1) Wind on the thread and take it down to the bend of the Hook.
- 2) Lightly dub on the Musk Rat on the thread and wind Forward to almost the eye and trim off the dubbing on the top of the body to receive the wings for the Stonefly. Wind just the thread to the same position for the Midge.
- 3) Draw one wing feather through a loose loop of thread to one side and trim front and back, followed by the other the other wing. (One wing directly over the body only can be just as effective)
- 4) Wind on the hackle in semi-open turns and whip finish.
- 5) Trim the underside of the hackle flat.

Review



I have been looking for a simple cook book for Trout and Grayling for some time and this book by John Blewitt, who is a regular cookery demonstrator at the Chatsworth Country Fair, looks very interesting and seems to fit the bill.

Although John's book concentrates on the cooking of trout, many of the recipes can also be used for cooking grayling. This book covers in detail, everything from the preparation, gutting, filleting, removal of pin bones, skinning etc. as well as smoking and curing. All the delicious looking recipes are therefore for both smoked and unsmoked trout.

Although I am not a cook my only slight criticism would be the recipes do not fully quantify the amount of ingredients. This is no real problem as I am sure the quantities can be experimented with and made to taste. The photographs in the book make the recipes look delicious and I look forward to trying some of them, all I need now is to catch the fish!!

If you want the book it costs £8.99 post free and can be obtained via e-bay, the link

<https://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/133253548212>



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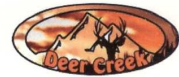
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Step 1

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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For more information go to www.direct.gov.uk and search for Check Clean Dry

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

For details contact :

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or
Hilary 07920 013361**

Subscriptions

In 2018 in line with some other Angling and Conservation organisations, we decided to put membership and subscription payments on line. This system will make administration of payments easier for the Society and members. By adopting this system we would be complying with the new Data Protection laws.

If you have not already made the switch you will need to take the following action;

- A) Cancel your current standing order at your bank.
- B) Let us have your email address, as this will be your user name for the membership system.
- C) Follow the logging guide on the website.
If you have any problems logging in contact the Membership Secretary.
- D) Ideally we would like you set up your Direct Debit on the Society system, but you can use a debit card via PayPal or just send a cheque to the Membership Secretary.
If you struggle with computing
- E) Contact the Membership Secretary he can set up a Direct Debit for you, all he needs is your Name, Sort Code and Account number.
- F) Every year we will send you an email asking you to confirm your details to "LoveAdmin.com" and stating that on January 1st you will be deducted your membership fee
- G) You will be get notification from "GoCardless" that the Society will take funds. You are given a grace period if you wish to cancel
- H) You can also set up a Direct Debit through PayPal, but the money is taken immediately we issue renewals.

If you have any queries either contact the Membership Secretary or Area Secretary.

£28.00 Adult

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Thank you for your co-operation

Brian