



The Grayling Society

Newsletter

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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

"All good fishermen stay young until they die, for fishing is the only dream of youth that doth not grow stale with age."

J.W.Muller

News From the Front

Coronavirus Comment

In the light of the Coronavirus outbreak disrupting our lives at the moment, we will keep this years Symposium under constant review. We are pressing on with it and will see where we are as Summer and then Autumn approach. Hopefully by then we will be over this and can enjoy the Symposium in October. Naturally we will keep you all up to date via emails, the website, facebook pages, this your Area Newsletter and "Grayling"

The Committee

*We will hope for the best and prepare for the worst !!!!
Please look after yourselves and stay well*

Brian

Grayling Fishers Evening



On the 11th of March, which was our last Grayling Fishers evening of our winter season, we were once again lucky enough to persuade our old friend Phil White to cross the water from Ireland to give us a talk. The talk was about Lough Corrib, the local rivers and the flora and fauna in and around them. Phil also talked about how to fish the Corrib in all conditions and times of the season.

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The talk as usual proved very interesting and informative and gave one or two of the audience an interest in visiting this part of the Emerald Isle.

Unfortunately this may be the last time we use this venue as the Hotel is under new management and the Ballroom we understand is to be refurbished and turned into a restaurant. If necessary we will be looking for an alternative venue for the forthcoming winter season, but we are more than aware of the possibility of Social distancing restrictions, therefore we will keep you up to date with the situation.

Other News

Just before the "Lockdown" I visited the new Fly Only shop. Although Stuart still has one or two things to finish off, the



shop is complete and is looking good.

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The shop is very well set out with the usual wide range of products on the shelves and stands.



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As you can see from the last picture the new entrance to the shop is a little way down the building and has a shared entrance to a corridor with a Karate club, shoplifters and trouble causers beware!!!!

Later in the year Stuart has plans for possible fly tying demonstrations in a separate room, social distancing permitting.

Although the shop is closed because of the "Lockdown" I am sure Stuart will let us know when it is open for business.

The Orvis shop in Bakewell is still closed, there is still their "on line sales" but the opening of the shop may shortly be under review.

Bakewell Fly Fishing Shop is still closed, but Cookshill Fly Tying because they are mail order it is business as usual.



FlyTiers Corner

Arboreal Mayfly

This is not a pattern that I developed! – I found it in a tree (hence the odd name) Could this have been left there by the fishing gods?

Stuart

Materials;

Hook - Partridge SUD or similar in size 10

Thread – Unithread 8/0 in Lt. Cahill

Tails – Pale hen pheasant tail herls

Body - Pale hen pheasant tail herls Rib – Fine silver wire (optional to reinforce the herl body)

Thorax – a pale yellow and fine dryfly dubbing used very sparingly

Hackle – Gizzle cock dyed olive

Wing – black and white body feather from a mallard, teal or other similar bird

Tying sequence for this fly is:

1. Start the thread just behind the eye and work down the entire hook to start of bend.

2. Lift in around ½ a dozen pale hen pheasant tail herls.

Leaving around two hook lengths sticking out (as tails), secure on top of the hook all the way down to just before the hook eye.

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3. Lift in the fine silver rib wire (optional), with short end pointing over the hook eye, and secure by working thread back to start of bend so that wire is now sticking out with the tail.
4. Lift in around 4 pale hen pheasant tail herls by the tips. Secure these tips on top of the hook by working the thread back towards the eye. Stop the thread about halfway back to the eye.
5. Grab the pheasant tail herls that are now securely tied in and wind down towards the eye to create a neat herl body. Stop this at the tying thread (still hanging about halfway back to the eye) and secure with a couple of turns of thread.
6. Cross rib the herl with the silver wire rib down to the halfway point and secure with a couple of turns of thread and cut off waste wire and herl.
7. Work thread to about 3mm short of hook eye and tie in the hackle with the long end pointing over the eye, secure the short quill with thread and cut off waste.
8. Lightly dub the thread and work from the hackle tying in point back to where the herl body ends.
9. Follow this with the hackle in nice open turns.
10. Secure hackle with tying thread working back through the hackle (again in nice open turns) until thread is back to the area 3mm behind the hook eye. Cut off the waste hackle.
11. Now the wing; get a nice well marked mallard or teal body feather (those that are black and white – not the high grade bronze mallard feathers).
12. Line up some feather tips (while they are still attached to quill) and then tear them off.
13. Tie these in as a “not very neat” rolled wing and secure just in front of the hackle.
14. Tie off thread behind the eye and cut off waste to give a short bushy head

Attributes of fly plus notes •

I have no idea why this pattern works at mayfly time - but it does. Even more annoyingly it often works best when my much more specific and specialised patterns are failing. •Also good on the smaller becks when even native brown trout start to feed on this short lived bounty but your usual large mayfly pattern is a bit too much of a mouthful. •The very weird name of Arboreal Mayfly is simply a reflection of the first time I came across the original fly that 100% inspired this pattern - it was found hanging from a tree! If I ever find out who made that original pattern, or it turns out to be a commercially tied fly, then this name might well change – but for now this is it.
When using, add floatant sparingly on every part of this fly except the hook.

Stuart Crofts



You will all know by now that the Society no longer has a “shop” and therefore items such as floats are no longer available for sale. Several members have contacted me to order floats and bearing this in mind I have decided to produce and sell once again, several types of floats including Avon and Righyni trotting floats. As before the floats come in two sizes and a range of colours tops, including Yellow, Orange, Red and now Black.

If any member is interested in purchasing floats please contact me by email or phone (yorkshire_pudd@hotmail.com or 07711 905776) All the above floats are £5.00 each plus P&P.

If you are also interested in my fly tying tools which were also advertised in the Society Catalogue, please contact me and I will send you my Fly Tying Tool catalogue.

Payment for both Floats and Fly Tying Tools will be by “Paypal”

Brian

Friends of Area 8



The Willows Business Park,
Near Bank, Shelley,
Huddersfield HD8 8LU
Tel/Fax: 01484 600555
Email: info@flyonlyonline.co.uk
www.flyonlyonline.co.uk

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.

Bakewell Fly Fishing Shop

3a Hebdon Court, Bakewell,
Derbyshire, DE45 1EE



- Expert tuition.
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- Call in to the shop or telephone to discuss guiding or lessons.
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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



Report sightings online at
www.cormorantwatch.com



Show your support and help spread awareness of this issue by downloading this poster from www.anglingtrust.net/cormorants

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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
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 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

£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

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

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

Founded by LISA in association with GGGI. Flyer sponsored by Lee Valley Regional Park Authority

