



THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

*"To find a mans true character
Fish with him"*

News From the Front

Last month I gave you the sad news about the untimely death of our friend Alisdair Duncan. Because of the Corvid 19 restrictions only a limited number of mourners were allowed to attend his funeral on the 4th of October at All Saints Church Bakewell and Chesterfield Crematorium, but several Society members and many other of Alisdair's friends and colleagues lined the streets close to the Orvis shop in Bakewell to pay their last respects.



A buffet and drinks to were provided for all who attended by the staff of Orvis Bakewell where Alisdair worked. I am sure that we all would like to thank Marie and her team for arranging such a wonderful send off for a well loved and respected man.

From time to time when funds allow we make a donation to charity from Area 8 funds. This year to honour Alisdair Duncan we have made donations to all three charities mentioned by Alisdair's widow Diane. £100.00 to Help the Heroes, £100.00 to Fishing for Heroes and £100.00 to The Royal British Legion. In response to our donation Diane sent us a card of thanks.

Dear Brian and The Grayling Society.

Just a note to thank you so much for the very kind donations in memory of Alisdair. As a family we are still trying to come to terms with losing him it still doesn't really seem real. Alisdair obviously loved his fishing and belonging to the various groups and societies. We take comfort in the fact he did so much fishing since retiring 8 years ago.

Thanks again

Diane, Rob and Katie

New Grayling Society President



After 5 years of sterling service as our President, Robin Mulholland has decided it is time for someone else to take over the role. The committee thanks Robin for all the work he has done to make the Society the success it is today.

It is with great pleasure I can announce our new President will be Feargal Sharkey.

Many of you will be aware of Feargal as a talented singer, and for his campaigning zeal to rid our waterways of human sewage and agricultural pollution. His commitment to this environmental crisis matches the Society's and his appointment will add weight to our ambitions of giving grayling the water quality she needs and deserves.

The committee look forward to working with Feargal and am sure the membership at large will welcome this new appointment.

John Walker
General Secretary.

News From the Front

We held our first "Zoom" meeting on the evening of Wednesday 25th of November. This was our first attempt at this type of internet meeting but 46 people logged in on the night.

The topic and title of the talk by Don Stazicker was "Why fish target vulnerable flies" and as usual with talks by Don, the video and illustrations were superb, backed up by Don's extensive knowledge of the topic. The evening went well with only a slight hiccup when people were logging into the meeting, Ainsley Kelly our "Zoom mentor" was very busy with the influx of members, but we have plans to sort that out for the next meeting. Once the meeting got underway though all went well and we had an excellent meeting. My thanks go the Ainslie Kelly for his technical work, my co-conspirator Hillary Langan, Don Stazicker for his excellent talk and all the people who logged on to make the meeting worth while.

Our next Zoom meeting will be in January 2021, the date and speaker have yet to be decided upon, but we will let you know details closer to the date, so see you then.

If you do wish to join in and you are unsure how it will work please get in touch with me and I will try to help.

Brian

Fly Tying Competition

This is the third of the flies in our Fly Tying Competition 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 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.

All entries must reach me, **Brian Clarke, 21 Corve Way, Chesterfield, S40 4YA** by **Friday 1st January 2021** to be considered. All entries must be accompanied by the full name and contact details of the entrant.



CDC Living Shrimp
Cont;

Hook - Partridge CZF size 14, 16 & 18 or similar curved "shrimp" type hook

Thread - Unithread 8/0 – colour to complement the dubbing colour used

Underbody – Fine lead wire built up to produce the shrimp profile

Front and rear appendages – prepared CDC feathers

Rib – Olive coloured mono or similar (around 0.13mm Dia)

Back – Any "shrimp back" type material with colour to complement dubbing used

Dubbing – CDC feather barbs roughly cut, in pale tan/olive to best copy the shrimps living in the water you are fishing

CDC Feather Preparation These notes are for CDC feather preparation used on the CDC living shrimp pattern. Take a good quality CDC feather and cut out the tip. Now, pull off and discard the "fluff" at the bottom of the feather and then working up the quill cut off the side barbs to produce good CDC dubbing for later in tying this pattern. At the very top of the feather leave two or three barbs at the either side of the quill that are uncut and don't get too close to the quill with your scissors when cutting the other barbs off. To complete preparation pull off the "cut" stubble on the quill which can be discarded. See below for an example of the completed prepared feather. Because the remaining barbs are still attached to the quill it is much easier to position, tie in and they are much more durable. You will need two feathers prepared in this way to tie this particular shrimp pattern.



Stuart M Crofts

Grayling Society "Catch Returns" October

Many thanks to all who contributed to the Catch Return page on the website. This month the River Don catchment rivers are a little thin on reports ,but, this month the Derbyshire rivers seem to be on the ball. Once again my thanks to all who contributed.

Brian

Date	River	Fishery/Club	Gray-ling under 150m	Gray-ling 150 - 300m	Gray-ling over 300m
26/11/20	Dove	LDAC	2	1	1
23/11/20	Dove		0	5	0
20/11/20	Don	UDFF	1	0	0
12/11/20	Derwent	DCAC	1	2	0
8/11/20	Wye	Peacock	0	7	0

Orvis Bakewell

There will be an official opening of the new and larger Orvis shop in Bakewell, concentrating on Fishing and Fly Tying, on Thursday 3rd of December. The new shop is sited in what was the Bluebell Wood charity shop across the road from the existing Orvis shop.

Orvis Bakewell are holding Fly Tying demonstrations in the shop each weekend.

If you want to visit the shop and get some tips from either Kevan or Bob, this is when you can see them;

Bob

Saturday 5th of December
 Sunday 13th of December
 Saturday 19th of December

Kevan

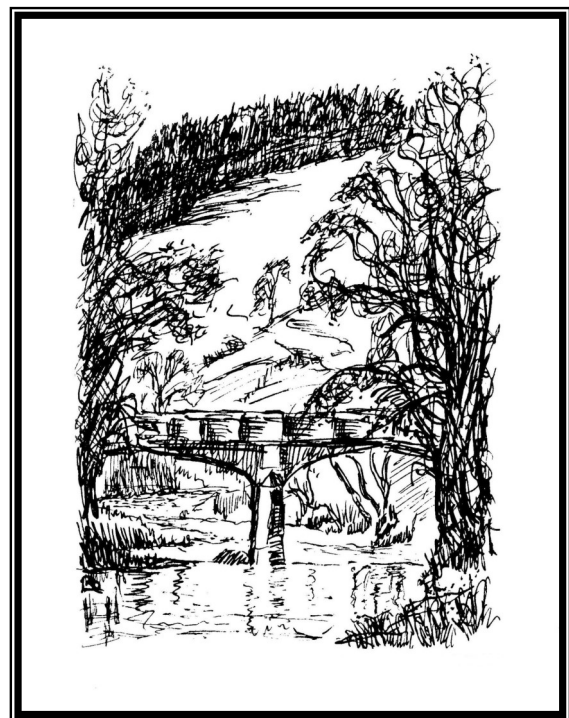
Saturday 12th of December
 Sunday 20th of December



Kevan Stevenson



Bob Lomax



A Bridge Too Far
(A Bridge on the River Hodder Yorkshire)
 (As published in The Grayling Society Newsletter Winter 1980 / 81)

Fly Tiers Corner

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Ginger Quill

John Roberts in his book "A Guide to River Trout Flies" states:- "For over a century the Ginger Quill has been a reliable dressing whenever any of the paler flies are hatching. The spurwings, pale wateries and pale evening duns can all be represented with this pattern"

Materials

- Hook;** TMC 103 BL # 15 or 17
Thread; Well waxed Pearsalls Brown silk. Plus white GSP
Wing / Post; Light Grey Antron
Hackle; Red game
Thorax; Medium brown fine dubbing
Body; Stripped Peacock herl
Tail; 3 or 4 Red game Cock fibres but I find Chestnut Coq de Leon fibres superior.
Rib; Fine gold optional

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.
- 4) Catch in the stripped Peacock herl
- 5) Wind the thread up to the post in touching turns and cut off the excess tail fibres.
- 6) Wind the Peacock herl forward to the post, tie in and cut of the excess
- 7) 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
Cont;

- 8) Lightly dub the super fine dubbing on the tread and wind round the base of the post in figure of eight to form a small thorax.
- 9) Wind the tread forward to the eye of the hook whip finish and cut off the thread. Catch in the GSP around the base of the post and 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 base of the post and cut of the thread.

Reg Righyni style Grayling Trotting Floats



I have started making Floats again. As the grayling season is now well underway I thought some of you who trot for grayling may be interested. They come in two sizes Small (2 BB) and large (3AAA). The tops come in a range of colours Red, Orange and Yellow, but by special order Black. The price of the floats are £5,50p plus £5.00p Postage and Packing. Payment by PayPal please details are as follows (yorkshire_pudd@hotmail.com)
If interested please contact me 07711 905776 or email yorkshire_pudd@hotmail.com

Brian

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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.



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For more information visit: www.anglers-nlrs.co.uk

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