



The Grayling Society

Newsletter

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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Last few days before chasing the "Spotties"

News From the Front

Grayling Fishers Evening

On the 12th of February we had a great attendance for the talk and fly tying demonstration by Steve Skuce.



Steve in full flow with his talk

Steve gave us a very interesting talk about grayling, their distribution both here and around the world, the historic and present day attitude's toward grayling and the names given to the grayling in different countries. He also discussed the grayling's breeding times and the methods used to fish for them.



Steve Tying a range of his favourite flies

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Steve tied four patterns for us, his own fly "Ginger Tom" which is a weighted nymph, "Grayling Fiddler" a traditional dry fly, a "Super Pupa" a modern dry fly and last but not least a "Peeping Caddis" of Hans Van Klinken design.

Brian

Grayling Fishers Fly Tying Masterclass

This was our second and last Masterclass of the season which was lead by Don Stazicker ably assisted by Peter Hayes, at our usual venue of Ashford in the Water village hall on Saturday the 15th of February.



Gathering of the Clan!!

We had a full take up of a most interesting day with 20 people tying flies. People with varied fly tying skills from almost beginners to the very experienced.

We started at 10.00 sharp as there was a lot to cover with 5 flies to tie, 1 nymph, 2 Emerger patterns, 1 Dun and 1 Spinner, all of which for Don and Peter were well proven patterns.



Peter steeling himself for his first half demonstration

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We followed our usual format where the fly was demonstrated and then we began to tie the demonstrated fly. Help and advice was given where and when required.



Don giving some help

Tea, coffee and biscuits were provided all day but around 12.30 we broke for lunch, this time Pie and Peas. Lemon Drizzle Cake and Chocolate Buns were also on the table. The food was just the ticket. Seconds also for some!!



Anyone for seconds!!!!

Coincidentally the day just happened to be a certain persons 21st !!!!!!!!! birthday that day. As you can see Hilary was a little surprised when she was presented with a birthday cake.



Happy Birthday Hilary
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After lunch Don took over the tying demonstrations and finished off the day with three innovative flies. To check that the flies were landing and floating as they should have, Don brought along his observation tanks. These were clear Perspex tanks about 150 mm x 150 mm x150 mm filled with water and having a 45 degree sloping side to enable a better view of the fly sub-surface.



One of Don's viewing tanks



A man on a mission. Note the concentration !!!!

Once again a very informative, interesting and enjoyable day. I am sure we are all looking forward to next winters events organised by Steve Langan. Many Thanks Steve.

Grayling Fishers Winter Programme

We have one speaker yet to be seen in our winter programme, so please put this down in your diaries. **Wednesday 11th of March;** Hilary has persuaded Phil White, who I am sure you all know, to come over from his home in Ireland to give us a talk on Lough Corrib and the surrounding rivers. Having had Phil give us talks and tying demonstrations several times before, I am sure this time his talk will be no less interesting and be well worth listening to.

As usual the venue will be the Rutland in Bakewell and Phil's talk will start at 7.30. There will be the usual small charge at the door and the chance to win some great raffle prizes.

BFFI 2020

Although I missed last years fair I went along for the first time in many years as a punter and not working on the Grayling Society stand. I arrived about 10.15 to see a queue of about 200 people waiting to buy tickets and get into the fair. Thankfully I had pre-booked my ticket and was able to go to the front of the queue and not have to join the back of the snake!! After being greeted at the door by Neil Chandler, for the first hour and a half it was chatting with one old friend after another, some I had not seen for some time.



The Cookshill stand

All the usual attractions were there, with something new, as far as I was concerned, in the middle hall there was a group of tables for small exhibitors which I thought was a great idea and may take advantage of next year.



Aimee Kitchen tying on the Grayling Society Stand

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The quality of Guest fly dressers was as usual very high, with several from the UK as well as the overseas tiers.



Bob Lomax on the GAIA stand

As well as the trade stands where we could purchase every thing for the fly fisher and fly tier, there were also club, conservation and interest stands. Paul Morgan with his books, Fly Dressers Guild, Grayling Society, Gaia, Leek and District AC, Corwin Anglers, Riverfly Partnership and the list goes on.



Stuart Crofts in full flow on the Riverfly Partnership stand

At the lecture area we heard interesting talks from several speakers , including Stuart Crofts, Don Stazicker and Peter Hayes.

Once again Steve and Bridget Cooper and their team have done a marvellous job organising and running what is the country's premier fly fishing event. I am sure next year will be just as good if not better.

Many thanks for another great show.

Brian

Dates for Your Diary

Saturday 14th March;

Fly Only are hosting an open day at their new premises in the same building, featuring Semperfli's Melvyn Wood. For those who know Melvyn you will know that he ties beautiful Trout, Sea Trout and Salmon flies. He will be demonstrating some of his favourite flies as well as giving advice if asked on any fishing topic. It will be well worth a visit.



"The Master" (Note the new cap)

Saturday 8th August

For the third year I will be organising a Cane and Silk day for Cressbrook and Litton Fly Fishers Club, the profits will once again be split between a local charity and the Grayling Research Trust. You will be able to sample Dave Percival's legendary bacon butties, win a bottle of sloe gin on competitions or win a great prize on the raffle. You do not have to be a member of Cressbrook and Litton Fly Fishers Club to attend. I will let you know further details closer to the date.

Brian

Fly Tiers Corner



Bob's Hatching Pupa

Materials,

- Hook;** #18 and 20 Orvis A800 or similar claw type hook.
Tail; Grey Partridge neck
Thread; Versus dark olive.
Hackle; Med olive grizzle.
Thorax; Olive fox squirrel dubbing.
Post; Grey or dun coloured Antron or polypropylene yarn.
Body; As thread

Method.

- 1) Tie in the post at a point where bend begins. If tied on top of the hook, trim the butts at an angle and tie down around the bend to start to form the body.
 - 2) Tie in the Partridge feather secure with a couple of turns and pull through so the tips are short.
 - 3) Start to wind thread back in touching turns securing the feather butt and completing the body.
 - 4) Finish just before the wing post. Trim off the Partridge feather.
 - 5) Select an olive grizzle hackle. Pull off the fluff at the base. Present feather at base of post, hackle stem towards the eye.
 - 6) Tie stem down towards eye. Secure and trim stem. Bring thread back to post and dub a little s
 - 7) Wind hackle up the post around 6 to 8 turns, then similar back down hook. Secure by tying off hackle at the base of post and trim.
 - 8) Stroke hackle fibres back towards bend thus doubling the fibres.
 - 9) Bring thread in front of post and unclip the post from Gallow's Tool.
 - 10) Dub the tying thread with squirrel dub and wind forward to form the thorax.
 - 11) The thread should now be behind the eye, and pull the post and doubled hackle over the top of the thorax and tie off post starting with a couple of turns then give the post a tug, this will pull hackle tight over the thorax, and secure. Whip finish and trim post.
- Varnish head.
- The nice thing about this pattern is that there are a number of sizes it can be tied and with materials to suit

Bob Lomax

Friends of Area 8



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Near Bank, Shelley,
Huddersfield HD8 8LU
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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.

Bakewell Fly Fishing Shop

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Derbyshire, DE45 1EE



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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



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



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

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