



THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH



News From the Front



Alisdair and Purdy (Me and my Dad)

Following my email informing you of the un-timely death of our friend Alisdair Duncan, I have received several phone calls and emails expressing their shock and sadness at his passing as well as expressing their condolences to his family and close friends. There has also been many tributes and memories on "Facebook" some of which brought a tear to my eye, from his many friends and colleagues past and present. They talk of his exploits, humour, enthusiasm and friendship. All of these things we have all known over the years since he joined the Grayling Society in 1999. It has been a privilege for us to have known him, whether, on the river bank, at Grayling Fishers meetings, at fairs or in the Orvis shop in Bakewell, a true gentleman. Never to be forgotten his 10.30 gin and tonic for the workers on the stands at Fisherman's Walk, at Bakewell Show (95% Gin 5% Tonic and made with love).

Alisdair leaves a wife Diane, daughter Katie and son Robert, not forgetting his constant companion Purdy.

Covid restrictions dictate that just thirty mourners are permitted by law in the church, church yard and grounds. Everyone is invited to line the funeral procession route at 1:45pm in honour of Alisdair. This will be from Bakewell Bridge, along Bridge Street, past Rutland roundabout and up Monyash Road, past the Orvis shop and up to the church.

The funeral procession will leave the church at approximately 2.45pm via North Church Street then through Bakewell en route for the Chesterfield Crematorium. Covid restrictions also apply at the Crematorium.

You are invited to make donations in Alisdair's memory at the Orvis Bakewell shop to benefit 'Fishing for Heroes' also collections will be made in lieu of flowers for 'Help for Heroes' and the 'Royal British Legion'.

Jon Rawlinson will collect / receive any donations if required. You can also end any donations to me made out to the charity of choice and I will pass them on to Jon.

Rest easy my friend
Brian

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Fly Tying Competition In memory of Alisdair Duncan (The Governor)

This is the second 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 28th of November** to be considered. All entries must be accompanied by the full name and contact details of the entrant.



THE A.D. (ALISDAIR DUNCAN) CADDIS.

It was with great sadness when I was informed of the premature and untimely death of Alisdair Duncan. I had known Alisdair for a number of years, but more so when I was invited to demonstrate the techniques of fly dressing at the Orvis Shop in Bakewell. Over time I got to know a person of charm, warmth, and personality that would lift the dullest day. His passion for Angling was infectious and always had something to show you or tell when seeing him.

I last saw Alisdair on Sunday 11th October spending the day at the shop with him. He was his usual self and was keen to show me photos of him with his first barbel, which he had caught on the River Trent, having joined the Waltonians Angling Club. He was telling me that he wished to do more course fishing having now access to more waters. Alisdair was at heart a true Fly Fisherman, and it was later in the day that we had a discussion regarding a Caddis pattern that he wanted to improve and sought my thoughts on the matter.

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We talked about materials and came up with a mock which he said was nearly right, and would finish it the following week, the material for the thorax being the only stumbling block. Alas we were unable to finish this together, but I have done so on his behalf, and thus the AD CADDIS. I hope that this pattern is tied, used, and over time brings a smile as another fish is taken.

Materials.

Thread. Tan

Hook. Orvis 4864 Big Eye Dry Fly Hook. Size 16 and 18.

Body. Hemingway's Peacock Dubbing Pale Mustard

Rib. Fine gold wire.

Under wing. Natural CDC.

Over wing. Deer hair

Thorax and Legs. Dark Brown Mink. (Spun in a dubbing loop or split thread. Use material with under fur and guard hairs).

Tying Method.

Alistair wanted the tying to be simplistic, so here goes.

1. Thread onto the hook starting just behind the eye taking the thread down the shank, about halfway down the shank, tie in the gold rib, continue to the bend.
2. Wax the thread, and dub the thread, wind forward to form a neat body, stop around two thirds up the shank. Take the rib forward in open turns, and tie off where the body finishes.
3. Select two small CDC feathers, for the 18, just one. Place the two tips together, and curving downwards. Tie in with a couple of wraps then pull the butts until the under wing is the right length, just a little over the bend. Tie down the butts, and cut waste.
4. Select Deer hair, (a finer hock is better) Take a pinch and stack to get the tips at the same length, now tie with the tips slightly longer than the under wing. Tie down the butts and trim.
5. Form a dubbing loop or slit the thread, make the thread is waxed. Cut a small pinch of the thorax material. Pine Squirrel is a good substitute. Don't over load this material as some under fur is required and guard hair. Place the material into the threads and adjust the length. Cut the butt waste away as this only leads to bulk. Spin, and wind forward to the eye, creating a thorax and legs, tie off, cutting way the dubbing loop.
6. Form a head, whip finish, and varnish the head.

I have no idea what Alisdair would have selected for the thorax, but I hope that he would have approved. I can always smile and remember the happy times that I had with Alistair, and a fly pattern to remember him by.

Bob Lomax

Zoom Meetings

Our first Zoom meeting will be held on the evening of Wednesday the 25th of November. The speaker will be Don Stazicker the topic of his talk has yet to be finalised. The meeting will start at 7.00 pm so that we can iron out any problems before the talk start at 7.30 which will last for approximately 45 minutes, after which there will be a short question and answer session. Contact details for the Zoom meeting will be sent out by email to the people who have expressed an interest before the date above. If you have not contacted me expressing an interest it is not to late but I must have your details before including you in the meeting.

Brian
Please email me;
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Grayling Society "Catch Returns" October

Date	River	Fishery/Club	Gray-ling under 150m	Gray-ling 150 - 300m	Gray-ling over 300m
22.10.20	River Don	N/A	0	1	3
17.10.20	River Don	None	0	1	1
15.10.20	River Don		0	5	1
15.10.20	River Wye	Peacock Fly Fishing Club	0	0	3
7.10.20	River Don	N/A	8	15	4
3.10.20	River Don	N/A	2	6	4
3.10.20	River Don		0	6	0
3.10.20	River Don	Kilnhurst	0	1	0

Many thanks to all who contributed to the Catch Return page on the website. There seems to be some enthusiastic angler fishing the River Don, but we could do with some more reports from our Derbyshire rivers. Keep up the good work. I have had reports of grayling in the Little Ouse near Thetford in Norfolk, if anyone has any information of clubs or catches in this area, please get in touch with me.

Brian

Orvis Bakewell

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;

Cont:



Kevan Stevenson



Bob Lomax

Bob

Sunday 1st of November
Saturday 7th of November
Sunday 15th of November
Saturday 21st of November
Sunday 29th of November
Saturday 5th of December
Sunday 13th of December
Saturday 19th of December

Kevan

Saturday 14th of November
Sunday 22nd of November
Saturday 28th of November
Saturday 12th of December
Sunday 20th of December

Fly Tiers Corner

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Greenwell's Glory

"The Greenwell is a good floating pattern, but it is the wet that it excels. There has always been a doubt what trout take it for, although possibly it kills best when the Dark Olive Dun is on the water and most probably the original natural insect it was designed to imitate was one of the Olive Duns"

A Dictionary of Trout Flies

A. Courtney Williams

Materials

- Hook;** TMC 103 BL # 15 or 17
Thread; Well waxed Pearsalls Primrose silk, (well waxed to give an olive colour.) Plus white GSP
Wing / Post; Light Grey Antron
Hackle; Coch-y- bondhu
Thorax; Olive super fine dubbing
Tail; 3or4 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, wind the thread up to the post in touching turns and cut off the excess tail fibres
- 4) 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
- 5) 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.

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- 5) 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.
- 6) Whip finish around the base of the post and cut of the thread.

This years Winter Warmer



Rhubarb Gin

This year I am trying something a little different. I still have quite a lot of my Sloe Gin left from last year ,so I have decided to make Rhubarb Gin. The rhubarb is grown by me in my allotment. I know it is more for the G and T brigade but I understand that it also goes very well with dry ginger. May be a refreshing Christmas tippie.

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
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



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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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