



The Grayling Society

# Newsletter

Area 8 October 2019 (No. 40)

## **THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH**

**We are off to look for that "Lady" again**

### **News from the front**

As some of you now know, Steve Rhodes the Area Secretary for Yorkshire has decided to step down. The General Committee have decided to split the Yorkshire area into two, with North and East Yorkshire being amalgamated with Area 11 (the North East) and West Yorkshire with Area 8 (Us). There are 30+ members of the Society in West Yorkshire, so it is my intention to try, with the help of a member from West Yorkshire, to organise events as local as possible to them, as we do in Derbyshire. All membership from the new combined area will be invited to the fishing days in Derbyshire and may be a fishing day could once again arranged on a Yorkshire river. It may take a little time for things to get going but it is my hope that members in the north of our new area will be as active as our members in the south of the area.

This year has been quite busy for the Committee with 3 fairs attended, Cromford Mill in May, Haddon Hall in July and Chatsworth at the end of August / beginning of September. On the 24th of August in conjunction and kind permission of Cressbrook and Litton Flyfishers Club I arranged a "Cane and Silk day on the River Wye. Several of our members attended and am sure thoroughly enjoyed the day. (Report on another page)

Hilary Langan has been busy organising rooms and speakers for our winter programme at the Rutland in Bakewell and Stephen organizing rooms and speakers for our Saturday masterclasses. (Details on another page)

The first of our winter fishing days has been finalized and forms will be sent out shortly. Negotiations for our January 2020 fishing day have started and will be finalized later in the year.

### **Shows and Fairs**

The first of our fairs was organised by PCFWW at Cromford mill on the 26th and 27th of May. This was the first time that they have organized this event. Although small it was part of a weekend event in conjunction with Cromford Mill including vintage sports cars, the police wildlife unit and vintage steam engines.

Casting demonstrations and casting tuition were given by Paul Sissons and Peter Arfield. The PCFWW are once again to run a larger event this year. More details when available.

The second event was once again small and part of a larger Artisan Market at Haddon Hall. Which took place over the weekend of 26th to 28th of July. Although part of an Artisan Market, after speaking to Lord Edward and Lady Manners on their walkabout, it was clear that they want to encourage the angling aspect of the event in this beautiful setting for future years.



The Society was invited to attend along with Orvis Bakewell. In the Orvis tent our own Rob Lomax showed his tying skills as well as Casting tuition with John Green and Don Stazicker. In the society tent we had the usual items for sale, guest tyer Dr John Smith and myself flying the flag.



Although small, encouragingly, the event did produce a lot of interest, which could prove beneficial in future years.

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Our last Fair was Chatsworth Country Fair held on the 30th and 31st of August and 1st of September, in the beautiful grounds of Chatsworth House. For many years the fair was a shadow of its previous self, but this our second year was better than last year thanks to Geoff Smith. Geoff has taken the organisation of the Angling Village over and worked wonders with it to make it a very worth-while attraction. Talking to Geoff during the Fair he said that he had more ideas to improve the Angling Village for next year, which can only be a good thing.

**Some of the stalls attractions and first class Fly dressers that could be seen.**





Other attractions included Casting demonstrations on the purpose built casting pool, by several notable anglers including Stuart Wardle, Paul Sissons and Bernie Maher. Angling Direct, Fishing for Schools, Paul West with Fishing for Heroes, Orvis giving casting tuition on the river and Ladybower with their Wheely boat, several other companies were there to make a great weekend.

*(Photos by Troy Chadwick and Melvyn Wood)*

### **Cane and Silk Day**

On the 24th of August I organised a Cane and Silk Day for Cressbrook and Litton Flyfishers Club with the intention of raising a little money for the Grayling Research Trust. This was the second year that this event was organised. A good number of Society members attended as well as CLFFC members.

Two competitions were organised, the first, casting accuracy,



casting to set rings in the river. The second was estimate the position and depth of an artificial fish tethered to the river bed. Both the competitions created a great amount of interest for many of who attended. Only cane rods with silk lines were used and several rods were set up for people to try out. Peter Arfield from Bakewell Fly fishing Shop came along with cane rod builder Richard Holman.

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There was also Phoenix silk lines for sale for those who decided to change to a proper fly line.



The winner of the Casting competition with 18 rings was Club President Mike Hallam who was presented with a bottle of Sloe Gin, brewed by yours truly.

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The winner of the bottle of Sloe Gin for guess the position of the fish was Alisdair Duncan.



I must thank Cressbrook and Litton Flyfishers Club for allowing the day, Alisdair Duncan for providing and setting up the casting rings, Don Stazicker for organising the Guess the position of the fish competition and Head River Keeper Chris Dore for his organisation at the hut. Last but not least Chef Dave Percival for the delicious bacon butties in the morning. I don't know who ordered the weather but we could do with them now to sort the current weather out!!!!

### **Winter Program**

Hilary has now finalised our evening programme and Steven our Masterclass days at the Ashford in the Water Village Hall. As last year we will also be advertising the Salmon and Trout Conservation, South Yorkshire Branch winter Programme. Our winter evening meeting will once again be held in the Rutland Hotel in the middle of Bakewell Staring at 7.30. As usual there will be a small entry fee plus the chance to purchase extra raffle tickets.

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## Grayling Fishers Evenings

**23 October: Chris Firth** 'The Fall and Rise of an Industrial River' (River Don system)

Chris the founder and director of the Don Catchment Rivers Trust, worked on the rehabilitation the River Don during his years with the Yorkshire Water authority. He is also the author of 'From Doomsday to the Dawn of the New Millennium' detailing the history of the River Don fishery.

Chris will tell us how historically the River Don became a heavily polluted industrial river, destroying the fish population and how it has recovered today with both trout and grayling happily breeding in the river.

**November 13: Dave Southall**

Fishing in the mountain streams of Austria

**December 11: Stuart Crofts**

Sex, Insects and Fly-Fishing

**January 15: Don Stazicker**

Things I thought I knew about fly fishing

**February 12: Steve Skuce**

Fishing for Grayling and flies that work

**March 11: Phil White**

Lough Corrib and surrounding rivers

## Fly tying Masterclasses

**18th January Stuart Crofts** (Topic to be arranged)

**15th February Don Stazicker** (Topic to be arranged)

## South Yorkshire S&TC

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

**Wednesday 23rd October: Jeremy Lucas.** Fishing for wild trout on French chalkstreams. International competition fly fisher and author Jeremy Lucas will discuss the methods needed to tackle the exacting wild trout of French chalkstreams

**Wednesday 20th November: Paul Gaskell.** Making wet flies great again: from Italy to Yorkshire with love. Exploring connections between the Yorkshire spider tradition, modern competition methods and Italian fly fishing. Presentation with video and images.

**Wednesday 4th December: Dave Woodhead.** Fishing the River Wear: how, when and where. Drawing on his vast experience, Dave will talk about how to tackle fishing the Wear for salmon and sea trout and also look at how the river has fished this season.

**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.

## Fly Tiers Corner



### Bosnian Red Tag

At this years Chatsworth Country Fair Alan Davies, a member of the Society from the other side of the Pennines !! demonstrated this fly to me. The fly which I call the Bosnian Red Tag because I don't think it has an official name, is used to great effect for grayling when Alan visits Bosnia.

#### Tying:

Hook: TMC # 19 or 21 (Smaller if required)

Thread: Brown Silk

Tag: Small amount of Red Antron

Body: Single strand of Peacock herl

Wing: One or two small CDC feathers depending on hook size

### Fishing Days

Our first fishing day of the winter season will be held weather and river condition permitting on Sunday the 17th of November.

This year we will be fishing the River Derwent on the Bubnell water at Calver/ Baslow, Waltonians water at Darley Dale and Derby County's water at Cromford. We will also be fishing the River Wye on Cressbrook and Littons water and for the first time in many years the Peacock water at Rowsley.

We will meet up in the morning at the Wheatsheaf hotel in the centre of Bakewell for tea and coffee before setting off to the rivers. On our return to the Wheatsheaf there will be food waiting for us. There will be the usual raffle and any prizes you may wish to donate will be gratefully received.

As usual this event is fly only.



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384,400 km

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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](http://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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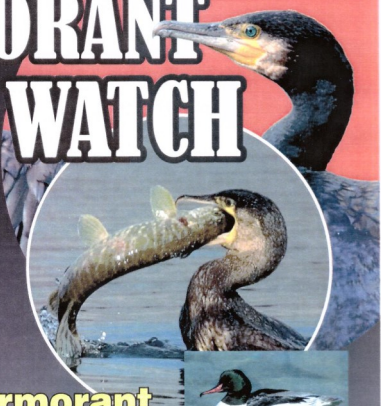


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# CORMORANT WATCH



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Show your support and help spread awareness of this issue by downloading this poster from [www.anglingtrust.net/cormorants](http://www.anglingtrust.net/cormorants)

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**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.**

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*Thank you for your co-operation*

*Brian*