



The Grayling Society

# Newsletter

Area 8 September 2020 (No. 49)

## **THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH**

**The greatest gift you can give to another fisherman is to put a good fish back**

**"Lee Wolff"**

### **News From the Front**

#### **Symposium latest**

By now you all will have heard the decision of the Committee that this years Symposium and A.G.M. has regrettably been cancelled due to the Covid 19 pandemic and the restrictions the government have imposed. It was unanimously decided by the committee that the cancellation would be in the best interests and safety of all who may have attended, speakers, delegates and guests. Our thanks go to the clubs in Area 8 who gave permission to use their waters for our usual fishing day on the Sunday of the Symposium. We must now look forward 12 months and hope we can all meet up again in better times.

### **Shop News**

Another two shops I have been informed that are open and working.

#### **Lathkill Fly Tying**

**Address:** 111 Dudwell Ln, Halifax HX3 0SS.

**Hours:** Opens 9AM Mon.

**Phone:** Chris Eastwood 01422 322954

**Internet:** lathkill.com

**Best to order by internet or phone**

#### **FlyTying Boutique**

**Address:** Croft House, 8 Croft Field, Silsden, Keighley BD20 0NA

**Hours:** Opens 9AM Mon.

**Phone:** Phil Holding on 01535 657479

**Internet:** www.flytyingboutique.com

**Best to order by Phone or internet.**

**Orders posted out Monday, Wednesday or Friday**



The Willows Business Park,  
Near Bank, Shelley,  
Huddersfield HD8 8LU

Tel/Fax: 01484 600555

Email: [info@flyonlyonline.co.uk](mailto:info@flyonlyonline.co.uk)  
[www.flyonlyonline.co.uk](http://www.flyonlyonline.co.uk)

Flyonly are now **OPEN**. The shop is open Monday to Friday 9.00 to 4.00 and Saturday 9.00 to 3.00. The website for orders for the time being is not fully up and running so any enquiries or orders can be arranged by phone.

Bakewell Fly Fishing Shop is open Monday,

### **Bakewell Fly Fishing Shop**

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



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- Check website for details and fishing news.

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Tuesday, Friday and Saturday afternoon only from about 1.00 till 4.00, when circumstances permit. There is a screen on the counter and we hope customers will use common sense when people are already in the shop.  
Peter

Glad to see all these shops up and running again  
Brian

## Coq de Lion Feathers

I have managed to acquire a limited number of various colour of excellent quality Coq de Lion feathers from a breeder in France. They come in bunches of 12 feathers and are sustainably sourced. The feathers are collected from the free range cockerels once a year before being given anti biotics to ensure the birds are free from any infection following the removal of the feathers. By using this method to obtain the feathers the breeder can ensure the quality and health of his poultry stock and the quality of the feathers. I understand that the majority of Coq De Lion feathers on sale today are exported from Spain to America and obtained from cockerels which are killed.



PP001

*Colours : rusty, speckled*



PP003

*Colours : rusty, light brown pigment, speckled*



PP004

*Colours : tobacco, brilliant dark pigment, full speckled*



PP002

*Colours : dark pigment, full speckled*



PP005

*Colours : light ivory, dark grey speckled*





PP006

*Colours : dark grey, full speckled*



PP007

*Colours : medium ivory, dark pigment, full speckled*



Note: All the pictures are from the breeders website.

If interested contact me on;  
Email; [yorkshire\\_pudd@hotmail.com](mailto:yorkshire_pudd@hotmail.com) or  
Phone; 07711 905776 for further details.  
Brian



## Fly Tiers Corner



### Little Red Sedge

This is my version of a standard fly that has been around for many years and has had a number of variations. It has been tied over the years with a variety of wing materials from the original Red Game Cock to natural Squirrel Tail (When it was available, but thankfully no longer, Red Squirrel Tail was used for the wing). It has always been a successful fly on all waters when sedge of most sizes we around. The yellow tag is supposed to represent an egg case.

#### **Materials;**

**Hook;** Partridge SLD # 14 or 16  
**Thread;** Brown 8/0 Uni Thread  
**Hackle;** Red game cock  
**Body;** Chestnut coloured Cock Pheasant Tail  
**Wing;** Chestnut Coq de Lion  
**Tag;** Fluorescent yellow floss

#### **Method;**

- 1) Catch in the thread and wind down the shank of the hook to a point just passed the bend of the hook in touching turns.
- 2) Catch in the yellow floss, cut off the excess and form the tag.
- 3) Tie off the floss and cut away the excess before tying in 2 strands of Pheasant tail.
- 4) Twist the Pheasant tail around the thread and wind forward almost to the hook eye, tie off and cut off the excess pheasant tail.
- 5) Catch in the Coq de Lion wing a little way back from the eye of the hook, leaving enough room for the hackle. (note; the Coq de Lion are liable to flair when tied in so, to reduce the flair take 2 wraps of thread around the base of the wing and carefully wrap the thread around the hook. Practice makes perfect on this technique!!)

Cont;

- 6) Tie in the hackle wind forward (4 or 5 turns) tie in the hackle cut off the excess and whip finish. I sometimes trim the hackle points underneath the hook to form a firm foot.

Brian

### Society Catch Return Form

***Just a gentle reminder to all, that The Grayling Society in an effort to monitor Grayling populations and their health, have introduced on the Society website a Catch Return form. This form is not just for members but any angler wishing to participate. Just open up the website, click on Catch Return and follow the instructions.***

***Simple, even for me.***

***Please help with this and pass on the message to your angling friends and other club members.***

***I have been informed by John Walker who is coordinating the website, that since the 5th of June when the Catch Return database started there have been 141 catch returns reported. Considering the grayling season has yet to get into full swing this is very encouraging. Our thanks go to all who took the time to register their catches and look forward to even more reports as the season progresses.***

***Thanks Brian***

### New Area Secretary for all North, West and East Yorkshire

As members of these areas should now know they have a new Area Secretary, Peter Chambers. Peter may already be known to some of you through his Salmon and Trout Conservation membership and attendance at the annual S&TC Grayling Day on the River Ure. He has yet to get to know you all, but I am sure he will with your cooperation, represent you in these strange times to the best of his abilities. If Peter has not yet contacted you he can be contacted by email [peter.chambers@btinternet.com](mailto:peter.chambers@btinternet.com) or on his mobile 07850 719759.

On a personal note I am sorry I will not have the chance to represent West Yorkshire any longer. I will for the time being be sending out my Newsletter so that when this virus is finally sorted and I am able to organise events, all will be welcome to attend.

All the best and stay safe  
Brian

Friends of Area 8



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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 Monday to Saturday.

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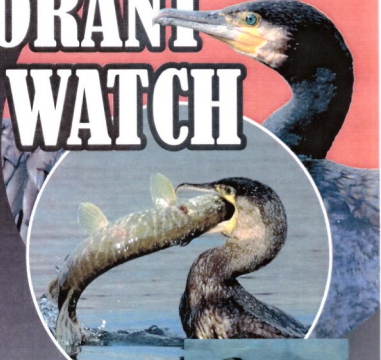
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**CORMORANT WATCH**



**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](http://www.cormorantwatch.com)



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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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



© Grayling Fishers 2014

**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

For details contact :

Brian 07711 905776  
or  
Hilary 07920 013361

# 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](http://www.direct.gov.uk) and search for Check Clean Dry



## Subscriptions

Could I ask that you check your subscription payment with your bank to make sure you are paying the correct amount. If you 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



# 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](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.



*"Something the whole of angling can agree on"*



For more information visit: [www.anglers-nlrs.co.uk](http://www.anglers-nlrs.co.uk)

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