



The Grayling Society

Newsletter

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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

The season for hunting "The Lady"
is upon us

News From the Front



John Pass

On Monday 23rd of August John Pass the long time Head Bailiff of Cromford Fly Fishers Club suffered a heart attack and died on the riverbank. At the time he was giving a friend advice on angling when he collapsed. Those of us who attended our January Fishing days on the Cromford waters will remember John and his team of helpers who guided us and made sure we had a great day on the river. Our sincere condolences go to his wife Clary at this sad time.

Brian

Cane and Silk Day

Once again, on the 1st of August Cressbrook and Litton Fly Fishing Club held a Cane and Silk day on their waters on the River Wye. As with previous years Grayling Society members were invited to attend and join with club members to enjoy an interesting day. This year all monies raised at the event have been donated by the club, to Area 8 for our charity fundraising. This years recipient will be Ashgate Hospice. All were greeted with a tot of my home made Sloe Gin which seemed quite popular. The bacon sandwiches were once again skilfully cooked by Head Chef David Percival.

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Peter Arfield from Bakewell Fly Fishing Shop came along with Richard Holden, rod builder, who brought a selection of his beautiful hand made cane rods.

This year there were two new attractions, with a fly tying demonstration by David Palmer and kick sampling and invertebrate identification by Simon Lidster, Andrew Middleton and Ainsley Kelly.

Some of you will remember Alisdair Duncan who sadly died last year. In his memory I was asked to make a memorial trophy for the casting competition which he always helped organise. After several good scores for the casting it was a close run thing with Nigel Calladine with 17 rings from Mike Hallam on 16 rings. Well done Nigel.

There was also a raffle with the first prize being a Gray's 9ft #4 rod. This was taken home by John Blewitt. Although the weather could have been better all enjoyed the day and said they are looking forward to next years event.



The Trophy
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Nigel Calladine with the 1st prize Sloe Gin and The Trophy.



John Blewitt with the Grays rod raffle prize



Ian Hawkins casting to the rings

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David Palmer tying flies

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Head Chef David Percival



Peter Arfield discussing the finer points of cane rods

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Simon Lidster demonstrating Kick Sampling
(Photo by Roger Walker)

Cromford Angling Fair

On the 7th and 8th of August we attended the Cromford Angling Fair at Cromford Mill. This was the second time the event had been held organised by Keith Griffiths from the P.C.F.W.W. The fair is an inside event with some interesting stands. It is a small event but there are plans to expand and have more attractions next year. Apart from the Grayling Society stand there were representatives from fishing clubs, the P.C.F.W.W., fly dressers, Derbyshire Constabulary Rural Crime Officer. There was also Geoff Pittham with his stand Flyology, Steve Newsom fly tying and materials, a stand selling carp feed and specialist feeder tackle, Ainsley Kelly with his invertebrate trays and lastly Peter Arfield demonstrating casting. Entry to the event is free and to the rest of the historic Cromford Mill.



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Chatting about Grayling and the Society
(Photo by Roger Walker)



Steve Newsom amused about something Bob Lomax had said
(Photo by Roger Walker)



Geoff Pittham tying on his Flyology stand
(Photo by Roger Walker)



Keith Griffiths and Rural Crime officer chatting to some interested visitors.
(Photo by Roger Walker)



Ainsley Kelly showing Irene Osbourne Invertebrate samples
(Photo by Roger Walker)

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.

Brian

This Years Winter Warmer



This year I want to introduce you to blackcurrant liqueur. It can be drunk just as it is, thick, sweet and delicious as a winter warmer or in summer added to chilled sparkling wine or champagne to make a tasty and refreshing drink. It is simple to make but sorry I am unable to pass on the recipe as it is a guarded secret from my son in law's Danish family. But do look a recipe up and have a go. Don't get too drunk.

Brian

Fly Tiers Corner



Cantabria Caddis

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Materials

Hook; Partridge SUD #14
Thread; Unithread Lt Olive 8/0
Body; Pail Green Fine poly dubbing
Wing; Brown Speckled Coq De Leon Fibres
Hackle; Red Game Cock

Method

- 1) Start to wind the thread 3mm behind the eye of the hook and wind down the shank of the hook just short of the bend.
- 2) Add a small amount of dubbing wind back to the starting point of the thread and form a cigar shaped body, but leaving the 3mm behind the eye clear.
- 3) Prepare the wing by cutting a few Coq De Leon fibres (leaving the wider part of the fibres). Put the cut fibres in a small stacker and even the tips.
- 4) Position the tips of the fibres and tie in. Cut off the waste fibres.
- 5) Tie in the hackle in the usual way in front of the wing, whip finish and cut the waste hackle etc.
- 6) Trim the hackle under the eye to form a base to sit better on the surface.

This is another fly introduced to me by Stuart Crofts. As with all his flies it is a tried and tested and works well. Stuart tells me that the fly was "developed from direct instructions from Luis Otano (Fly fishing guide to team England during the 2008 European Championships in Spain and local to Cantabria)"

Being Stuart and not wanting to waste materials he has suggested a way to use the left over Coq De Leon feather tips.

Brian

Added Bonus

Use the left over tip of the Coq de Leon feather when making this fly to tie a small mini caddis on size 20 hook. Tie in the fashion of an "F" fly, just substitute the CDC for "F" fly wing with the Coq de Leon tip; this is my Yorkshire addition to this Spanish classic and a great little pattern too .

Stuart M Crofts 2008

And Finally

I hope to see as many of you as possible at the this years Symposium at the CASA Hotel Chesterfield on the 16th of October.

Tight Lines
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
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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



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



Male Goosander



Female Goosander

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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

Founded by LISA in association with GGGI. Flyer sponsored by Lee Valley Regional Park Authority

