



The Grayling Society

# Newsletter

Area 8 March 2022 (No. 60)

## THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

**IF YOU LEAVE RUBBISH BEHIND AFTER  
FISHING  
YOU ARE NOT AN ANGLER  
YOU ARE JUST AN IDIOT WITH A ROD**

### News From The Front

**Good news from Bakewell.**

We all now know that Orvis is closing most of its shops in the UK, the exception being Stockbridge. The good news from Bakewell is that towards the end of April Mallon and Green will be coming to town.

Marie Mallon and John Green, will be opening a new fishing shop which will be called "Mallon & Green Fly-Fishing & Country Living" sited in the old Orvis shop. I am sure you would join with me to wish Marie and John all the best for their future venture.



February and March was a busy time for our area, as we were getting back to something like full swing with events. On the **5th of February** we had our Fly Tying Masterclass held at the village hall at Ashford in the Water, led by Don Stazicker showing us several methods of the use of dubbing. Unfortunately I had to miss this one, I was in isolation!!



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On the **9th of February** we were entertained by Jack Perks at Bakewell Golf Club, with his very interesting talk about British Freshwater Fish. The photography and video as you would expect from Jack was stunning and the talk very informative.



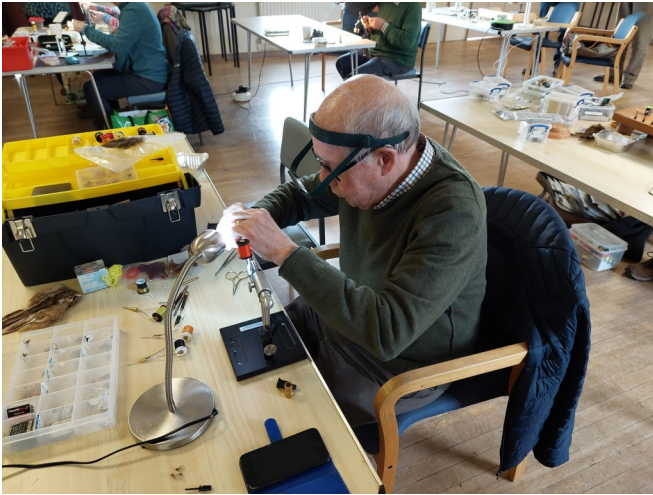
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Following the success of our beginners Fly Tying day in January, on the **12th of March** we held an improvers day again led by Bob Lomax with a team of helpers Steve and Hilary Langan, Don Stazicker, Roger Walker and Me, all ready to help the budding fly-dressers. This too proved to be a very popular event with all places taken.



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Sadly some of the usual tiers could not make it this year mainly because of Covid.

Stuart Crofts gave a talk to a packed theatre area in his own down to earth informative and interesting way



Next year the B.F.F.I will be held at it's usual venue at the Stafford Show Ground on the 11th and 12th of February.

### Events this Summer

The Grayling stand will be at the following local events where we hope to see old and new friends.

#### **Sunday 17th of April**

The First Yorkshire Vintage & Modern Tackle Fair  
Phoenix Sports and Social Club  
Brinsworth.

#### **Saturday and Sunday 30th and 31st of July**

The Derbyshire Angling Fair  
Cromford Mill  
Cromford.

#### **Friday Saturday Sunday 2nd 3rd & 4th September**

The Chatsworth Country Fair  
Chatsworth House

#### **Saturday 10th September**

And finally, Grayling Society members are invited once again to join members of Cressbrook and Litton Fly Fishers Club for the Club's annual "Cane and Silk Day" on the banks of the hallowed waters of the River Wye.

### BFFI 2022

After a Covid imposed rest !! The 2022 B.F.F.I took place on the 12th and 13th of February. There were the usual interesting stands where you could purchase the things you needed and sometimes things you did not know you needed.



The fly-tiers row was of great interest with tiers demonstrating their skills and techniques including our very own John Green.

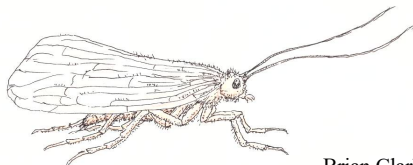
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## HELP NEEDED

Adult caddisflies in our British waters are very much misunderstood by fly-anglers and back in 2006 I had a crazy plan to help improve our knowledge and awareness of these fascinating insects. But, I needed data of where and when our different adult caddisflies are on the wing all over Great Britain. This was the birth of the Adult Caddisfly Occurrence Scheme whereby I ask anglers to collect, and then send me, adult caddis whilst they are fishing. Since then I have had samples from every corner of the UK and analysed over 17,000 adult stage caddisflies, each and every one identified and recorded on an ever increasing database. Many of the volunteers who collect these samples have become somewhat addicted – and a good few are from the Grayling Society, yes you know who you are! However, after around 15 years, I thought it was time to mention this all again and see if there are any other potential collectors out there

This is not a difficult task and if you would like to help then please just drop me an email with your name and address. I can then send you half a dozen sample tubes along with some simple instructions. Then, during 2022, if you see what you think is any type of adult caddisfly (and we have over 200 different species here in the UK) on or near the water while you are fishing any stream, river, pond, reservoir or lake here in the UK then I want you to catch a sample and send it to me. At the end of the year, when I have checked all the samples, I will send you all the results and you can see for yourself the species names of caddis that you sent me. Then, if you want to complete the loop, you could try and find these species names in your fishing books and learn more on the best fly patterns to imitate them. Thank you

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## Fly Tiers Corner



The Willow Fly

Hook: Partridge SUD # 14  
Silk: Purple  
Body: Dark fur from a fox ear  
Hackle: Jay's Wing  
Head: Peacock herl

Though there are numerous soft-hackled incarnations of the Willow Fly. This obscure one comes from Tim Thackcray's manuscript of Wharfedale flies. Strangely enough, I seem to be rather short of a Jay skin, so I substituted the hackle for Dotterel.

Robert Smith

### Notice

As you will probably have received your "Grayling News" you will now know that this years *The Grayling Society Weekend* and AGM will be held in Lancashire.

The weekend this year will be a little later than usual on **November the 5th**, this is to miss the local Salmon season. During the day there will be interesting guest speakers and trade stands followed by the AGM. In the evening there will be the usual Dinner and Auction. It is hoped that there will be a visit to the National Trust property of Gawthorp Hall on the Saturday for Partners.

Fishing has been arranged at a number of local venues in the Ribble Valley

The venue for the weekend is The Samlesbury Hotel which is situated only one and a half miles from Junction 31 of the M6.

These events are always an enjoyable occasion to meet old friends who you have not seen for some time and to meet and make new friend as well as the opportunity to fish some excellent grayling waters.

Brian



# THE FIRST YORKSHIRE VINTAGE & MODERN TACKLE FAIR

SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2022

10.00AM-4.00PM

PHOENIX SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

PAVILION LANE

BRINSWORTH

ROTHERHAM S60 5PA

STALLS SELLING VINTAGE & MODERN FISHING TACKLE INCLUDING BOOKS

DISPLAYS OF VINTAGE FISHING TACKLE

INVITED FISHING ORGANISATIONS INCLUDE:-

THE ANGLING TRUST, SALMON AND TROUT CONSERVATION, THE WILD TROUT TRUST, THE CARP SOCIETY, BRITISH CARP STUDY GROUP, BARBEL SOCIETY, BARBEL CATCHERS CLUB, THE NATIONAL ANGUILLA CLUB, THE PERCHFISHERS, THE CRABTREE SOCIETY, THE TRADITIONAL ANGLERS FORUM, PIKE ANGLERS CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN, THE ASSOCIATION OF CRUCIAN ANGLERS, THE TENCHFISHERS

THE VENUE IS EASILY ACCESSED BEING 2 MILES FROM JUNCTIONS 33 & 34 OF THE M1 AND WILL BE SIGNPOSTED ON THE DAY

EXTENSIVE PARKING, LICENSED BAR, REFRESHMENTS ALL DAY INCLUDING FULL BREAKFAST AVAILABLE FROM 8.00AM AND SUNDAY LUNCH

STALLS HAVE TO BE PRE BOOKED AND WILL COST:-

TWO TABLES £25

FOUR TABLES £40

SIX TABLES £55 (OTHER SIZED STALLS BY SEPARATE NEGOTIATION)

ALL BOOKINGS FOR TABLES FROM ANGLING ORGANISATIONS AND THE BODIES LISTED ABOVE MAY BE LIMITED DUE TO SPACE AND WILL BE FREE OF CHARGE BUT PRE PAID STALLS WILL HAVE PRIORITY

ENTRANCE £2 PER HEAD

ALL PROFITS GO TO THE PHOENIX SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUBS ANGLING SECTION

FOR FURTHER DETAILS AND APPLICATION FORMS TO EXHIBIT CONTACT

MARK DAVIES (PLEASE NOTE BOOKINGS FOR STALLS WILL ONLY BE PROCESSED IN DECEMBER 2020 DUE TO THE CURRENT UNCERTAINTY CAUSED BY THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC)

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## 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  
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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](http://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

**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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# 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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