



The Grayling Society

# Newsletter

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## THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

### **NOTHING CLEARS THE MIND LIKE A BIG FISH**

#### **News From The Front**

##### **Good news from Bakewell.**

Marie Mallon and John Green, will be opening their new fishing shop which will be called "**Mallon & Green Fly-Fishing & Country Living**" sited in the old Orvis shop, on **Saturday the 14th of May**. The shop will be selling a comprehensive list of fly fishing tackle, rods, reels etc from well known manufacturers, a large range of fly tying materials and a wide selection of country clothing. I am sure you would join with me to wish Marie and John all the best for their future venture.



**End of an Era**



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It is with some sadness to the news that Wendy Gibson is finally hanging up her bobbin holders for the last time this year. Wendy feels that it is the right time to do, taking personal matters into consideration.

Wendy began tying flies for her husband Ray well over 40yrs ago. She recalls that Ray had bought all this fly tying stuff and hadn't done anything with it and decided to have a go herself. Using a book for a guide she began a journey into Fly Dressing that continued until January 2022. Based around Nottingham and Derby area, her passion for this fine art led her to begin teaching. She obtained her STANIC award in 1996. In the same year this was followed by a City and Guilds Teaching Certificate, and she began with Fly Dressing Classes at the South Notts College in Nottingham. It was around this time that Wendy began Fly Dressing Classes in her home town of Eastwood. This has continued until this present day, the current location at the Baptist Chapel, at Eastwood, and has been at this location for over 30yrs. Wendy also obtained GIAC and APGIA after 2009. She was well known for her demonstrations at the British Fly Fair, Angling Clubs and Country Shows at the peak of their popularity. It was only in the last year that she attended her last show at the Sandringham Estate, and did so with her never ending enthusiasm.

It was always a matter of pride on her part that a woman forged a path in what was a male dominated sport. She overcame the hurdles, and showed could be done. As a result Wendy introduced so many people, including myself to Fly Dressing over those many years, and upon her retirement from the Game Angling Instructor Association, was presented with an Achievement Award in 2020.

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The good news is the the Fly Dressing Classes at Eastwood will continue from this September 2022. The baton having been passed to Instructors Bob Lomax, Keven Stevenson and Roger Walker. Known as Newthorpe Fly Tyers there are Tyers of all levels and Instruction for Beginners to Advance. Instruction can be given for the Fly Dressers Guild Awards Scheme. This year saw 7 beginners enrolled, which was unprecedented. It is hoped that this interest will continue. Wendy will be a part of the fabric of Newthorpe Fly Tyers and she has promises to visit a regularly as she feels. I am sure that everyone who has know Wendy wishes her all the best for the future and that those memories will take us all forward to happy times.

**Bob Lomax.**

**First Yorkshire Vintage and Modern Tackle Fair**



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This was the first "Yorkshire Vintage and Modern Tackle Fair" held on the 17th of April at the Phoenix Sports and Social Club at Brinsworth, Rotherham. The event was organised by Ravenfield Ponds A.C. and arranged by Mark Davies and his helpers.

There was a great selection of vintage and new tackle to be had at very reasonable prices. Hundreds of reels and rods as well as beautifully hand maid landing nets and floats, you could also order a new cane fly rod to your own specification. This years event took place on a hot and sunny Bank Holiday, which brought out crowds in the morning, but the call of food and cool drinks in the sun was quite strong in the afternoon. For a first time event I thought the day went well with one new member for the Society, but having spoken to one of Mark's team I think next year's event will be arranged at a different time of the year.

Well done to all who worked so hard to make the day a success.

### Fly Tiers Corner



Rusled Midge or Castle Rook

This obscure pattern again comes from William Robinson's list of flies for the Wharfe. Though the picture doesn't do it justice. The Peewet hackle has a greenish black sheen, making substitution easier with something like Starling.

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### Materials

Hook; Partridge SUD #14  
 Silk; Ash  
 Body; Heron herl or Hat Down  
 Hackle; Swift's back, Martin's wing or Peewit knuckle.  
 Head; Magpie Herl

**Robert Smith**

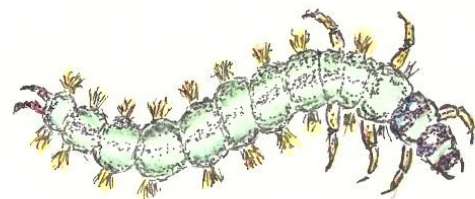
### HELP NEEDED

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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Brian Clarke

*Rhyacophyllia Dorsalis*  
 (Sandfly)

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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](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)**



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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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