

RUTLAND WATER FLY FISHERS



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Trevor Ashby January 11th

Trevor gave us a most informative, interesting and amusing evening with some quite "risqué" anecdotes between dressing flies.

He was full of good ideas and he showed us all kinds of imaginative but down to earth ruses.

He uses plumbers' tape to make white fly bodies. This has the advantage of remaining white unlike wool which soon dulls with mud, algae etc.

He used silver Sellotape in patterns such as Teal Blue & Silver - coloured flat metal tinsel is apparently still available from Veniard's.

Trevor is a great trumpet player and one very useful tip was to use a trumpet mouth -piece cleaner for extracting material for dubbing.

He showed us how to make detached floss

bodies by spinning floss and then tying a floating hopper type pattern with Wapsi polypropylene floating floss.

He had a very good idea for tying posts for Klinkhåmer patterns by making the post from a hackle stem and then tying the stem down over the eye of the hook to prevent it coming free and unwinding.

He tied one of his favourite and most productive patterns - the Swan-Herl buzzer and then the equivalent in "flexi floss". Surprisingly the latter was less durable than the Herl pattern. He went on to tie one very successful Salmon and Sea Trout fly - the Cascade.

Finally Trevor came to the most successful pattern for Rutland. No! Not Diawl Bach or GRHE! But the "Sparkler" tube if you please! Perhaps we should try it from the bank as well as on the rudder!

Trevor generously

donated his fee for the evening to the Disabled Anglers Association.

The patterns tied during the evening were auctioned off to the assembled company and realised £32 - 00 which was also donated to the DAA. Thanks Trevor for a great evening!

Our thanks to Sean Cutting and Nigel Millner for their invaluable video support which portrayed Trevor's efforts on a large screen.

Tackle Auction Thursday March 1st

The Barn at
Barnsdale Lodge

Jeff Dale has kindly agreed to be auctioneer for the night. Come on chaps search your attics and garages for those forgotten items! Doors open at 1800 hours.

See the enclosed
poster

Dave Downie Thursday February 15th Empingham Cricket Club.

Dave will be coming all the way from Perth in Scotland - not "down under" - to give us the benefit of his in depth knowledge on fly tying, river fishing and the competition scene.

His recent success at The Lake of Menteith in catching the record Rainbow for the water is well documented in "Today's Fly-fisher" Magazine.

He is well known in most circles of the sport. We are grateful that he will be well supported by Sean Cutting and Nigel Millner in displaying his fly tying and other details on the large screen.

Association of Major Clubs

The new 2007 match dates are available, see attached entry form and send it in now ...



Association of Major Clubs

Continued:

This is a great way of making new friends and possibly learning a thing or two!

The Association has a Spring and a Autumn match where all clubs from each group take part, so you might be partnered with an angler who fishes at Chew, Bewl or say Hanningfield. They maybe in the Royal Navy or Royal Air Force, to a England Team member.

RWFF is in Group One and fishes against five other teams in 4 Gp1 matches. This year we visit Bewl, Rutland, Eyebrook and Pitsford. The Spring Association match is on Chew and the Autumn is on Grafham Water.

Pre-Season Dinner

Whipper Inn Hotel, Market Place,
Oakham Thursday March 15th

Guest of honour will be David Moore who will present the prizes.



See **the enclosed poster for more details**

Litter Pick Up Day

Sunday March 4th 2007

Yes it is that time of year. We will be sponsored by AWS. So, the more that

come the better. Last year we had a record turn out. Let's see if we can beat that this year. Exercises like this do much for the image of angling and RWFF. So tell people about it. All will be welcome!

We will be supplied with gloves and bags. We cover the peninsula and as much as the other banks as possible: especially the Car Park areas. Zones will be allocated on the day according to numbers available.

See enclosed poster.

Water Aid

Friday May 18th 2007

We already have 6 volunteers for this event. JW has contacted other clubs who have kindly agreed to help out. We need 30 helpers this year. You may not all be required. However too many is better than too few. So please do your best. Duties will involve running a basic level casting clinic and accompanying novices in boats on the day of the competition.

RWFF Cookery Evening

This was a most enjoyable evening in the lovely ambience of the "Barn" at Barnsdale Lodge Hotel. Everything was laid out beautifully as if for a banquet!

We were treated to an exhibition of top class cooking by two expert chefs James Butterfill & Martin Selby with many of our members making copious notes.

The efficiency and speed with which James & Martin worked was quite breathtaking but the narrative was always clear and concise and amusing.

Their efforts were ably displayed on a large monitor on the wall beside the elevated cooking area. Ed Burrows the Hotel Manager compeered the evening.

Of particular note was Martin peeling the skin off the Dover Sole and the filleting thereof. He suggested that a good idea when de-scaling fish was to do it into a plastic bag to save getting scales everywhere!

James and Martin freely answered questions. Apart from the cooking skills of these two chaps it was a very pleasant social occasion and so nice to have so many ladies present

Some 35 members and their spouses were there.

The dishes presented were: -

- Paella,
- Risotto,
- Cassolet,
- Dover Sole,
- Goey Chocolate Fondant

After each presentation we were offered tasters. Well! They were delicious to say the least.

During the cooking period we were given various wines to taste including:

- Marques de Grinon - Rioja,
- De Notori - Frascati,
- Myrtle Grove - Chardonnay
- Brown Brothers' - Orange Muscat & Flora

We were issued with a programme sheet for the various dishes demonstrated. This gave details of the ingredients and cooking method for the fondant.

Copies of these are available from JW.

To judge by the numbers of "hear hears" when John Maitland thanked James, and Martin for a superb and entertaining evening, showed how much it was enjoyed by all Ron Oldroyd sadly had to whiz off to the States on business and was unable to be present on the night.



The Chairman thanked Ron for setting it all up and procuring the booze and the game. Ron's comment upon returning from the states "did it go alright" – Yea man! It sure did! Many of those present said what a great evening it was and asked, "When were we going to do the next one"?

"New Season" at AWS Fisheries

Opening dates for 2007 are:

Ravensthorpe	Thursday	1 st March
Pitsford	Friday	9 th March
Grafham	Friday	16 th March
Rutland	Sunday	1 st April

Anyone interested in taking up fly-fishing is invited to an "open house" day at Rutland Fishing Lodge on Sunday 25th February. Open from 1000 hours to 1500 hours.

Full details of these, AWS coarse fisheries and all other matters including permit prices will be featured in "Hooked" magazine - guaranteed to be a good read - due out soon.

The water level is up to overflow thanks to the much needed rainfall. This rise in level will no doubt help the margins to re-colonise for the new season as will the very mild winter weather.

RWFF Club Competition Dates 2007

Wadham Trophy – Bank Match
Friday evening May 11th.

Oliver Cup - Boat Match
Sunday, May 27th.

Cutting Trophy – Bank Match
Friday evening, June 1st.

Hanby Cup - Boat Match
Sunday, June 17th.

Loch-style Trophy - Boat Match
Sunday, September 16th.





Association of Major Clubs 2007

I am interested in fishing for RWFF's in this year's series of Association of Major Clubs matches. Please indicate below by ticking which match you would like to be considered for.

You may fish either the Spring or Autumn Association match and 3 of the Group 1 matches. Match costs will be given as and when Waters announce their prices. After-match meal costs are now to a limit of £8 per person, collected prior to each match by the nominated Team Captain. Results and match synopsis, etc will be found in future RWFF's Club Newsletters and on the website, www.rwff.org.uk

Rutland Water Fly Fishers



proudly present a



Tackle Auction

at The Barn at Barnsdale Lodge on Thursday the 1st of March 2007 - 'Booking In' items from 6pm, with the main auction proceedings starting at 7.30pm

Jeff Dale has kindly agreed to be auctioneer for the night. Come on and search your attics and garages for those forgotten items!

Doors open at 1800 hours. This event will be free to all RWFF Members with guests and non members @ £3 per head.

As at all RWFF functions, the purchase of a £1 raffle ticket will be expected ...

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