



Sussex Branch Newsletter



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ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

It is a legal requirement that all electrical equipment used in the Patcham Community Centre has a valid PAT clearance. This applies to all equipment which is plugged in to the mains, e.g. lamps, cameras, projectors etc.

Anyone using such equipment should have a yellow label attached to their equipment to this effect (all that owned by the Branch has been inspected).

If you have any that needs doing, the Centre has arranged a PAT testing day on Saturday 16th March 2013 from 11am for a very reasonable charge of £3 per item.

Aldo Orlando Simon Cooper

We were very pleased to welcome Aldo to our meeting on 7th February, when we also had the pleasure of having **Simon Cooper** as our guest speaker. Simon gave us a very entertaining account of the development of his Fishing Breaks organisation which has opened up the accessibility of chalk stream fishing to many anglers. Many thanks to Simon for his time – at least he did not have an excuse of near-drowning to keep him away this time!

Aldo was by chance visiting Brighton with some of the students of his school, and contacted us via our web-site. He brought along some of his salt water flies to show and also a superb built cane brook rod made by one of his colleagues. Having been entertained the day before by Paul Davies and Brian Raw to some fishing on the Test, he was to say the least delighted with his welcome, as indicated by his message afterwards:

“To Paul, Brian, Roy, Tony and all other friends :
One more time thank you for your kindness and warm reception.
I Hope we can maintain a connection; in any case feel free To contact me if you are planning a vacation in Italy. I'll try to do my best to help you find some interesting spot for fishing.
Sincerely
Aldo Orlando”

It was an pleasure to welcome one of our fly-tying colleagues from Italy and we hope a few more may visit our web-site and then our meetings in future.

Should anyone wish to contact Aldo, please ask Paul, Brian, Roy or Tony W. for his contact address – e-mail or post.

RHG

Chairman's Chat

Simplyfly, the clue is in the name. An approach to fly dressing based on tying flies which resemble the conventional patterns but making the operating quick and simple. I have adopted this approach for a number of patterns with almost complete success. I say almost; one of my favourite flies is the Grey Duster. Given its popularity with me, I changed the dressing to simplify the tying and then tied up a large number to stand me in good stead for the coming season.

My tying looked just like the “real thing” but it was much easier and quicker to tie. Only one problem, it sunk like an anchor and I had a box full of them!! Anyone want any unusual wet flies?

Back to the subject of this diatribe, three years ago or so, on a Club fishing day at Arlington the fish were showing in the weed beds in the margin. I noticed a small fly hatching and tried every small dry fly in my box, without success.



John Plowman came to the rescue, having identified the prey as **pin fry**, i.e. juvenile coarse fish. This time my fly boxes let me down, no such artificial, so once again, no fish. On reflection I decided to tie my own pattern, which is shown below:

Simplypinfly

Skill level – low, my standard.

Hook Size 12 roach hook to 2.0 kg nylon.
 Silk White 6/0 uni-thread
 Tails White marabou
 Body Thread on marabou
 Eyes Small black plastic chain

1. Cellotape the 2.0 kg nylon in a coil.
2. Put the point and barb of the hook just in the jaws of the vice.
3. Run the thread, with touching turns, from the "eye" **of the hook to the bend and back.**
4. Tie on the eyes with a figure of eight.
5. Choose a few strands of marabou twice the length of the shank and tie in at the "eye"
6. Run the thread between the "eye" and bend of the hook and back with touching turns.
7. Tie off and varnish.

I have yet to have the opportunity to fish this fly but I note that pin fry stay close to cover (weeds) and move in jerking movements.

Try it and let me know how you get on.

Tony W

New links on the branch website

Our Webmaster Mike Guest has created links to Weirwood and Fishing Magic newsletter on the branch website. I send the newsletter to Fishing Magic every month, and they create a link to it in their newsletter However you can access them at the following websites:

<http://www.weirwoodreservoirangling.co.uk/catch-reports.html>

<http://www.fishingmagic.com/>

Have you ever seen a peacock in full flight?

No but we could tie a lot of flies with this one!



This is a rare opportunity for this. We never imagined that it could be so magnificent - like a phoenix in a fairy tale! Please save and share with good friends as it is not every day we can see such beauty!!!

Phil Ellis



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