



GRAYLING SCHOOL 2009

- 4 Day School (25th—29th Nov)
- With Fly Fishing instruction with Glyn Freeman AAPGAI
- Coarse Fishing instruction with Chris Bowman MPAA
- And Anthony Steel of Kirkwood
- Learn to fish for grayling at one of the best times of the year
- Fish on a top-class beat on the River Annan
- Suits novices and more experienced anglers
- Staying in homely cottages
See www.Kirkwood-Lockerbie.co.uk
- Real, farm home-made food
- Costing only £640



Neil with 2 grayling

Final dinner (right)

Casting at dusk



Bob Milne (above)



Learning to Wallis cast



Neil Pinnington

Dave Pomfrett(below)



Accommodation, meals, tuition,
fishing, guidance
ALL included in the price!

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"Just as it should be"

4 Day School	£640
Wednesday 25th November	Arrive at Kirkwood between 5pm and 6pm Dinner at 7pm Talk by Chris Bowman introducing the "Lady of the Stream" and grayling ecology.
Each Day	
7.45am	Breakfast
8.45am	Depart for River
1.00pm	Packed lunch on riverbank
5.00pm	Back to cottages to refresh
7.00pm	Evening meal (drinks not included in the price)
8.30pm	Talk or fly tying demonstrations
Sunday 30th November	Depart after breakfast—10.00am

General

Introduction to the river, to wading with safety, to entomology (river life) and reading the river. Plenty of Question and Answer sessions.

Coarse tactics

Learn to use different equipment, fixed spool, centre pin, wallis casting, traditional and modern long trotting, ledgering with a swim feeder, and even a bait dropper perhaps.

Fly tactics

Introduction to spey casting, other casting methods, Czech nymphing, dry fly, North Country spiders and normal nymphing. During the fly tying session learn how to imitate and tie effective flies.

On booking we will supply an equipment list and if you need kit, it can be hired if we are told in advance.

There is also the chance of a specimen chub (5lbs). Whilst the River Annan at Kirkwood is particularly beautiful, and a joy to fish, it holds huge grayling, giving the potential to actually catch a UK record!

Some comments from School participants

"What's special about these schools is that they are NOT in a hotel or a conference centre but in comfortable cottages with delicious home made cooking"
Alan Holleran, Preston, Lancs

"Magical stuff, a brilliant time."
Bob Milne, Whitely Bay, Tyne and Wear

"Day 1-my first grayling; Day 2-first on fly; Day 3- 11 grayling in 1 day. Each day seemed the best day of my life!"
Neil Pinnington, Ware, Herts

Your hosts / instructors



Chris Bowman is a fully qualified angling coach, guide, a fishery management consultant, an angling writer, member of the Professional Anglers Association and a top coarse angling specialist.



Glyn Freeman is a full time, qualified, fly casting instructor / guide, a member of the Association of Advanced Professional Game Angling Instructors and a Master in Salmon Disciplines.



Anthony Steel has fished the Annan, and most other rivers in Scotland, for 40 years. He writes for fishing magazines, has been on the Annan Fishery Board, the Sea Trout Group and the Annan's Improvement Association. He founded the National Sea Trout Festival.

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Location:

Kirkwood is a mixed farm situated by the River Annan in the heart of the rolling hills of Dumfriesshire. It is located almost in the centre of the UK – only 10 minutes off the main M6/74 Glasgow-London motorway. London is 5 hrs away, Manchester 3 hrs, Carlisle 20 miles. There is a mainline train station at Lockerbie, just 4 miles away, but your own transport is needed.



More details:

November can be one of the best months for grayling and there are some huge grayling in the Annan. In 2008 at Kirkwood a few over 3lbs were caught and, on the next door beat, one of 4lbs was caught.

You will be accompanied by, or near, the qualified instructors, or Anthony, at all times for group and one to one tuition. Casting instruction, guidance and tips will be available through each day. The emphasis will be on fishing hard, putting into practise the knowledge gleaned from the evening talks & tuition sessions.

Accommodation is in Kirkwood's cottages, near Lockerbie. You will have your own bedroom but will share the cottage. Whilst normally self-catering, for the grayling school all meals (full breakfasts, packed lunches, evening meals) are included in the price.

Sadly we must remind you that weather is a major factor in fishing and if faced with poor weather conditions we may have to change how we fish or the location. It is unlikely that we would not be able to fish at all but it is a possibility. If so we would have extra tuition and talks; and organise more fly tying sessions etc. Once booked and paid, no refunds will be, given under any circumstances so we recommend that you purchase a suitable holiday insurance policy to cover you for any unseen eventualities!