



FUNDRAISING AUCTION 2019

Over 70 lots to be hosted online at

[Monnow Auction Online](http://www.monnowauction.com)

from 7th to 14th April 2019

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www.flyforums.co.uk

can lodge a proxy bid

with the MRA Treasurer, Patrick Lloyd

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(Proxy bids must be received by 13th April please)

A few notes on our 2019 MRA Auction:

- 1 Donors have been very generous again this year, giving us some fabulous lots. Please don't let them, or the Monnow trout, down by seeking to acquire a bargain. This is a charitable fundraising effort – let the size of your bids reflect your support.
- 2 The MRA Auction XII will **close at 10 p.m. on Sunday 14th April**. Any bids posted after this time will not be counted.
- 3 The final (highest) bidder at the close will be responsible for payment as posted.
- 4 Payment should be made as soon as possible after the close. Either by direct transfer to the MRA bank - Account No. 02433069 Sort Code 30-00-03 or by a cheque made payable to the Monnow Rivers Association and sent to The Treasurer, Old Church Farmhouse, Penallt, Monmouth, NP25 4AW Please reference either transfer or cheque with relevant lot no(s)
- 5 On receipt of payment I will contact you with details of what happens next. Either I will send you a PM or email with details of how you redeem your lot (contact details for fishing, etc.) or I will ask for your address to allow me to post any physical lots.
- 6 Please be prompt with payment and don't expect me to perform instant miracles with delivery. 70+ lots will take some time to administer and will not be much fun without your cooperation.
- 7 Thank you all for your support – I hope to see you on the river later in the year – let's hope it's a good 'un!

Patrick Lloyd, Treasurer

MRA Auction XII Lot 1: A day for 2 rods on Dorset Frome

LOT 1

A day's fishing on the "Home Beat" on the Dorset Frome for two people, on a day that suits both parties. To be taken by the end of 2019.

This is chalk stream paradise.

With a central fishing hut, alfresco dining area and bbq, making it a great beat to fly fish with friends, the fishing hut is next to a pretty bridge pool with plenty of room to relax and enjoy lunch with a glass of wine.

The "Home Beat" makes up a mile of exciting and challenging fly fishing; we also have half a mile of carrier north of the main beat, slightly wilder fishing suitable for those who love to wade.

A great variation of fishing, classic chalk stream features including riffles, pools, plenty of glides and overhanging trees, great sight fishing in crystal clear water.

The fishing is for totally wild Brown Trout and huge Grayling, for which the Frome is famous.

"We have had grayling to well over FOUR pounds on this beat, and a wild trout of over SEVEN pounds."

Kindly donated by John Aplin and Casterbridge Fisheries

MRA Auction XII Lot 2: A day for 2 rods on the Arrow

LOT 2

One day for two rods on the river Arrow. The Arrow is a little gem that begins in the heart of the Radnorshire Forest flowing easterly before joining the Lugg below Leominster. Much of the water has a variety of deep pools and fast riffles and steady glides with relatively easy wading over gravel and bedrock. It is relatively lightly fished, which when combined with the abundance of flylife (and a good mayfly hatch to boot) it's easy to see why there have been some eye-popping catches including grayling well over 2lbs.

Kindly Donated by Tony Norman LAFA

MRA Auction XII Lot 3: A Guided Day on a Welsh Llyn.

LOT 3

One day's fishing for two anglers on a boat, ghillied by Wynn Davies, to be taken in 2019, date by mutual agreement. Llynnoedd Cwellyn, Nantlle, Cregennan, are amongst the best wild fisheries Wales has to offer, these are all in North Wales and Mid Wales, which are the best areas for wild trout afloat - stocked lakes will not be an option. Lunch and wine provided.

Kindly Donated by Wynn Davies

MRA Auction XII Lot 4: A day on the Taw with Pete Tyjas

LOT 4

Join fishing guide and producer of fly fishing quarterly [Fly Culture](#), Pete Tyjas, on a day's guided fly fishing on the river Taw in Devon. Pete has access to 6 miles of fabulous wild trout fishing but "*if the water is right there might be a chance of a salmon!*" A picnic lunch will also be included.

Kindly donated by [Pete Tyjas](#)

MRA Auction XII Lot 5: A Day on the Brue with Luke Kozak

LOT 5

A day's trout fishing on the River Brue in Somerset with the great river mender, Luke Kozak, your good-humoured companion. The Brue is probably better known for its coarse fishing but Luke will show you where and how to catch the local trout. A secret known to few.

<http://eat-sleep-fish.co.uk/content/2013/08/monnow-auction>

Kindly donated by Luke Kozak

MRA Auction XII Lot 6: A day on a chalk stream with Malcolm Anderson

LOT 6

A day's fishing on a chalk stream somewhere in southern England with Malcolm Anderson, writer, photographer, angling specialist for the National Trust, small chalk stream champion and sometime flyfisherman.

Kindly donated by Malcolm Anderson

MRA Auction XII Lot 7: Dryfly with Denny at Skenfrith

LOT 7

A day's fishing below the bridge at Skenfrith, guided by Robert Denny (cranefly), who knows the water better than most and will provide good company, sage advice and a pint at the Bell.

Kindly donated by Robert Denny and Russell Good

MRA Auction XII Lot 8: A selection of Monnow flies

LOT 8

A selection of flies, tied by StJohn Milinczuk who has designed these patterns based on his many days fishing the Garway water. Including the deadly 'Polish Poacher' and the 'Monnow Adams', they are provenly effective and not generally to be found (except in trees) outside StJohn's flybox.

Kindly donated by StJohn Milinczuk

MRA Auction XII Lot 9: A day of Fishing and Photos

LOT 9

A photo day on the Monnow, Garway Beats - a day's fishing, sort of guided (by Peter Dawson) but with a record of the day's action photographed and supplied on a CD. Peter knows the Garway waters intimately and, as he will freely admit, is a much better photographer than fisherman!
His shots are stunning.

Kindly donated by Peter Dawson

www.peterdawson.eu

MRA Auction XII Lot 10: An EXPERT floating flyline

LOT 10

The 'EXPERT' dry-fly line, made in England especially for dry-fly fishing. It is mud-brown with a smooth, dull finish and has a special taper and low-friction coating, so your rod works efficiently even at close range. Choose to suit your rod from WF3F to WF7F. Every line comes with an information booklet to show you how to build your leaders.

Kindly donated by Regular Rod

MRA Auction XII Lot 11: A Guided Day for 1 Rod on the Upper Monnow

LOT 11

A day on the Oldcastle beat of the Monnow, guided by Andrew Grenow. Just upstream of the Monnow Lodge beat, this lot is best taken before the end of June. Lightly fished and benignly neglected it can produce some surprises!

Kindly donated by Andrew Grenow

MRA Auction XII Lot 12: A day Trotting for Grayling on the Monnow

LOT 12

A winter's day trotting for grayling on the Lower Monnow, guided by StJohn Milinczuk. Probably using a cane rod, StJohn will provide expert and good-humoured advice on this dark art.

Equipment, maggots, good company, an optimistic attitude and some lunch will also be provided.

Kindly donated by StJohn Milinczuk

MRA Auction XII Lot 13: Fishing with Kent around Newbury

LOT 13

A day's fishing for one rod on chalk streams around Newbury. Fly fishing or winter trotting, or both. Guided by the great Kris Kent, ambassador and social media guru for the WTT.

"Includes a riverside lunch with maggots or worms thrown in"!!!!

Kindly donated by Kris Kent

MRA Auction XII Lot 14: Fishing and Lunch on the Honddu with TFC

LOT 14

A September day fishing a beat of the Honddu with TFC, who, as well as guiding, will provide indisputably the finest three-course riverside lunch ever to be enjoyed by two lucky anglers.

The day to be arranged not only to suit the winning bidder but, more importantly, to accommodate Jon's incredibly busy work schedule.

Some words from a previous winner:

"Wanted to keep it secret, but I need to acknowledge Jon (TFC) and the MRA Auctions. I am just home from a superb wild trout fishing experience. The MRA is the guilty secret - it's a gem of a catchment - lots of water to go fish and explore.

Jon guided me all day using his extensive local knowledge and cooked a brilliant river side lunch so large he even made me up a take away.

I count myself very lucky, I am sure next year this will be a very sought-after lot."

Kindly donated by Jon Kerr, The Trout Fishing Chef

MRA Auction XII Lot 15: Day for 1 rod on Lodge's water

LOT 15

A day for one rod on one of the best and most varied middle beats of the Monnow - Charlie Lodge's water. The river here is extraordinary – the only section of the Monnow that's properly braided into multiple channels. With fast riffles and gentle glides, deep holes and a mixture of bedrock and gravel to wade there is some pure escapism to found on this magical and hard-to-get-onto stretch. Prolific fly hatches and trout up to 2lbs – this is one of the best examples of lightly fished private syndicate water on the middle Monnow that you are likely to ever fish. One of the 'Monnow Mafia' favourites – when we can get on it...

Kindly donated by Charlie Lodge

MRA Auction XII Lot 16: Day for 1 rod on Lodge's water

LOT 16

Another day for one rod on one of the best and most varied middle beats of the Monnow - Charlie Lodge's water as Lot 15.

Kindly donated by Charlie Lodge

MRA Auction XII Lot 17: Day for 1 rod on Ling's water (outside mayfly)

LOT 17

A day for one rod on one of the secretive middle beats of the Monnow – The Ling water. Lightly fished (no day tickets) and home to some rather 'special' fish – this is as good as Monnow fishing for wild brownies gets. Varied water with lots of prolific stretches - most people never get to see all of the water as the hatches can be extraordinary and the rising fish can keep you fixed in one stretch for hours. If the potential for a 'special' fish is your thing – this is the day's fishing you always wanted. Mouth-watering is the only way to describe it. To be taken before 15th May or after 15th June 2019

Kindly donated by Chris Ling.

MRA Auction XII Lot 18: Day for 1 rod on Ling's water (outside mayfly)

LOT 18

Another day for one rod on the Ling water above Llangua Bridge as per Lot 17.

Kindly donated by Chris Ling.

MRA Auction XII Lot 19: Day for 1 rod on Tregate water

LOT 19

A day for one rod on the Tregate water. Tregate Anglers' is one of the most famous old clubs on the Monnow. With 8 beats to choose from there is simply every type of fishing to be had for stocked (marked) and wild trout as well as grayling. As with most of the Monnow there are no day tickets so the chance to fish it comes very rarely and as most of us can testify – when she is in form there is simply none finer.

A real chance of a Monnow red letter day!

Kindly donated by TAC

MRA Auction XII Lot 20: Day for 1 rod on Tregate water

LOT 20

Another day on Tregate – as per Lot 19

Kindly donated by TAC

MRA Auction XII Lot 21: Two VIP tickets to 2000 Trees Festival

LOT 21

2 VIP*** Tickets inc Thursday early entry for 2000 Trees Music Festival 11th - 13th July at Upcote Farm, Nr Cheltenham, Glos.

The multi-award-winning 2000trees festival is a 3 day extravaganza set in the stunning Cotswold Hills. You'll get 3 nights camping, a friendly, intimate atmosphere plus amazing food and locally produced ciders, ales & lagers. Described as one of the friendliest festivals you'll ever go to, it's perfect to attend with a group of mates or on your own, because you're guaranteed to make new friends.

Most of all 2000trees is about the music and we'll give over 130 of the best bands that the world has to offer.

Britain's Coolest Festival – **Kerrang! Magazine 2018**

The UK's coolest independent festival – **Total Guitar**

The 'anti mainstream festival' you should go to – **Metro**

It is, and always has been, a place where music is champion – **Upset**

See www.twothousandtreesfestival.co.uk for more details.

“The best weekend of your summer guaranteed”

***VIP status includes: - Backstage camping & access to our VIP backstage bar. - Chance to watch a band of your choice from the side of the stage. - Glass of bubbly on arrival. - Priority entrance, car parking. - Free 2000trees merchandise goody bag (T-Shirt, programme & loads of other goodies).

Kindly donated by Simon Maltas (via Neil Marfell)

MRA Auction XII Lot 22: Two VIP tickets for ArcTanGent Music Festival

LOT 22

Two VIP*** tickets inc Thursday early entry for ArcTanGent Music Festival 15th – 17th August at Fernhill Farm, Nr Bristol.

ArcTanGent is a critically acclaimed, independent festival and since 2013 we've been delivering line-ups you won't find anywhere else on Earth.

Here is a quick list of some things you might want to know about us...

- The festival takes place from August 15th – 17th on the idyllic Fernhill Farm near Bristol, UK.
- We were winner of Best Small Festival at the UK Festival Awards 2018 and we were also shortlisted for the Best Line-up award.
- Our 90+ acts play across four alternating stages on a relatively compact site, so there is no chance of missing your favourite band.
- We have surely the friendliest and most chilled audience you'll find at any festival.
- Camping is included for the whole weekend or you can upgrade to several glamping options if you want to experience the festival in style.
- We put a huge amount of effort into sourcing the best food traders a festival can buy. And we promise you'll love our range of independent and local breweries.
- Every night ends with our infamous silent disco from 11pm to 3am. Trust us, this has to be seen to be believed!

Come and escape reality for a few days and join the ATG family.

Capacity is strictly limited to 5000. If you like it loud but friendly – this is the one for you! More details at www.arctangent.co.uk “The best bands you'll see this year”

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Kindly donated by Simon Maltas (via Neil Marfell)

MRA Auction XII Lot 23: Annual Membership of Skenfrith Anglers

LOT 23

A chance for one rod to fish the whole season on an admittedly short (approx half a mile) but lightly fished and productive beat above the bridge at Skenfrith. Normally the preserve of local residents.

Kindly Donated by Skenfrith Anglers

MRA Auction XII Lot 24: A day for 2 rods on a private Middle Monnow beat

LOT 24

A day for 2 rods on a rarely available private beat on the Middle Monnow. Not many anglers have fished here so there could be some nice surprises!

Kindly donated by Stephen Moore

MRA Auction XII Lot 25: A day on the Dorset Frome

LOT 25

A day's fishing on the Frome (Dorchester Club) to be taken on a Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday or Bank Holiday, outside 15th May-15th June. The Dorchester Club is a private club dating back to 1877 with about 7 miles of water on some of the most delightful waters set in the stunning Dorset countryside. It is upstream dry fly or nymph only with fantastic hatches of Grannom, BWO, Black Gnat, Hawthorn, Mayfly and Pale Waterys, producing a good number of excellent wild brown trout and a few specimen grayling. On a summer's day this has got to be some of the most idyllic dry fly fishing in the country. Irresistible.

Kindly donated by Ian Sterling

MRA Auction XII Lot 26: Day for 2 rods above Skenfrith

LOT 26

One day for two rods - River Monnow above Skenfrith.
Another delightfully secluded and highly private beat on the main river. Wild trout and grayling abound here, with some big brutes lurking in the shadows of this tree-lined stretch. An excellent piece of fishing, very rarely available and seldom even fished.

Kindly donated by Linda Fitzsimmons

MRA Auction XII Lot 27: A 2 rod day, private Monnow beat below Grosmont

LOT 27

A day for 2 rods on a very private beat below Grosmont.
This 2 mile stretch probably represents the cream of the middle Monnow and is rarely available to non-family members.
Some "significant" trout have been caught here!! Nuff said.

Donated by Janie Anderson & Lynne Earle

MRA Auction XII Lot 28: One dozen CDC olive flies

LOT 28

One dozen CDC olive flies. This emerger pattern is a variant of Gwilym Hughes' Cul de Canon. Tied on a #14 barbless light wire hook. Deadly for spring and summer fishing. You can never have too many of these in your box.

Kindly donated by Neil Hotchin

MRA Auction XII Lot 29: An Upper Monnow trib, guided by Robert Denny

LOT 29

Guiding on any Monnow tributary beat, by Robert Denny, aka Crane-fly, who walks the entire catchment at least 3 times per season but, despite knowing the water, fishes less than he should. Regardless of this lamentable behaviour, he has fished every beat on the Monnow over the years and has caught fish from most of them. A reasonably patient guide, suffering from a healthy aversion to subsurface flies, he will also supply lunch.

Kindly donated by Robert Denny

MRA Auction XII Lot 30: A day's salmon fishing on the Wye

LOT 30

A day's salmon fishing on the Wye at Cadora or Lower Lydbrook. The day to be arranged through George Woodward, who will decide venue based on prevailing river conditions. Both beats are first-class Wye salmon water - George will advise when it's best to go as the Wye can fluctuate quite a bit during the year and these beats deserve to be fished at the best water height.

Some would say it's worth it just to spend the day with George, whose knowledge of the Wye and its natural history is extraordinary.

Donated by George Woodward

MRA Auction XII Lot 31: A Sub-Surface Day with Patrick Lloyd

LOT 31

It has been suggested that there are some sado-masochistic folks out there that would be willing to subject the dry and to date guilt-free Patrick Lloyd to a day of sub-surface fishing, partly apparently for their twisted pleasure and partly as a challenge to see if they can persuade the old curmudgeon that there is any merit in such dubious activity. He will provide the water and no doubt prove miserable company.

Unwillingly donated by Patrick Lloyd

MRA Auction XII Lot 32: A day on the River Blythe in Warwickshire

LOT 32

A day's fishing on several miles of the River Blythe, Warwickshire, within the private part of the 4,000 acre Packington country estate and deer park.

The river here is very much a meandering lowland stream of small to medium size flowing over gravel and ranunculus and has quite a fair number of runs good for the fly fisher on dries or nymphs.

Stocked with some very good quality trout, browns and rainbows, mixed in with some resident wild brown trout. A good head of coarse fish present – some good-sized dace will test anyone's reactions on small dries!

Usually a good mayfly hatch along with some reasonable olive and sedge hatches.

Fishing to be taken at any time by arrangement as guest of donor, who has to be present on the river on the day. Winning bidder can be guided or just left to their own devices to wander with the aid of a map and some advice of the better spots etc.

A hot or cold lunch and drinks can be provided.

Kindly Donated by Nick Reeves (aka Camlad)

MRA Auction XII Lot 33: A day's fishing on Welsh Dee

LOT 33

A day's grayling fishing for one rod on a very under-fished approx 1 mile stretch of the Welsh Dee near Corwen - the beat was the location for much of Andy Nicholson's film "Lady of the Stream".

The day can be taken any time between June 16th and August 31st or between October 18th and March 14th (2019). There are fish to 50cms (and more) in the beat and in season there are also salmon, sea trout and wild brown trout in the beat which the winner is welcome to try for.

Guided by donor or unguided after being shown the water as preferred.

Kindly donated by Paul King

MRA Auction XII Lot 34: Sea trout fishing in North Wales

LOT 34

One evening's fishing for sea trout for one rod (or two sharing) on a North Wales river - the river selected will depend on river height and conditions, but will be chosen from the Clwyd, Elwy, Lledr or Dee. The day to be taken prior to August 31st of this year. The Clwyd/Elwy catchment had close to record seasons in 2014 and 2015 with over 1,000 sea trout of up to 10lbs taken at night. The successful bidder will be shown the water but if all the rivers are out of order then an alternative date will be offered or a transfer to grayling fishing on the Dee arranged - bidder's choice.

Kindly donated by Paul King

MRA Auction XII Lot 35: Fishing with Adrian Nash on the Ewenny.

LOT 35

A day on the River Ewenny in South Wales, fishing for wild brown trout or grayling, guided by Adrian Nash.

Apparently, although dry flies work, nymphs are particularly effective. Worse still, they say *"the river lends itself perfectly to Tenkara as well"*

Bankside lunch provided and plenty of Kelly Kettle tea.

For more details see www.padac.org.uk

Donated by Stalker

MRA Auction XII Lot 36: A day of Fishing and Photos

LOT 36

A second chance to go on a photo day on the Monnow, Garway Beats - a day's fishing, sort of guided (by Peter Dawson) but with a record of the day's action photographed and supplied on a CD.

Peter knows the Garway waters intimately and, as he will freely admit, is a much better photographer than fisherman!

His shots are stunning.

Kindly donated by Peter Dawson

www.peterdawson.eu

MRA Auction XII Lot 37: A hosted day on the River Coln

LOT 37

A day on the river Coln hosted by Simon Clarke.

This Cotswold limestone stream produces a good head of wild brown trout and grayling and offers some great fishing opportunities.

Simon will "throw in" lunch or, if weather allows, one of his famous BBQs.

Donated by Simon Clarke

MRA Auction XII Lot 38: Beef Biltong

LOT 38

500g of homemade Beef Biltong, vacuum packed.

First experienced at the Monnow Social, this stuff is an important and delicious addition to your kit before venturing out into the bush (or the river)

Kindly Donated by Simon Clarke

MRA Auction XII Lot 39: Monnow Raspberry print

LOT 39

‘Monnow Raspberry’ by Simon Clarke – an A4 Watercolour Print (Artist's Proof) on high quality German Etching paper.

“A celebration of a magnificent wild fish (a PB) I caught on the River Monnow during the 2017 Social. My first watercolour or indeed painting of any description. The aim for me was to capture the beautiful colouring of this special fish.”

This is Simon’s first attempt at painting and, with no tuition or training, he has produced a great image of a great fish.

Donated by Simon Clarke

MRA Auction XII Lot 40: A Selection of Dry Flies in Double-sided Box

LOT 40

A selection of over 60 dry flies contained in a new double-sided plastic fly box with slotted foam interior.

Donated by Gerald Hemming

MRA Auction XII Lot 41: A dozen early season Usk flies from Lee Evans

LOT 41

A dozen CDC quill dry flies tied by Lee Evans – his favourite flies for catching trout on rivers such as the Usk, Wye and Monnow. The flies include March Brown, Large Brook Dun, Large Dark Olive and Yellow May Dun patterns and will come in a clear Fulling Mill dry fly box.

Kindly donated by Lee Evans

MRA Auction XII Lot 42: The Trout Triptych

LOT 42

A series of three fantastic photographs of an (almost) uncatchable Monnow trout – *The Sip*, *Bright Rings* and *Downing the Hatch* taken by “the MRA’s resident photographer”. Printed in A5 and mounted in Ivory Matts to fit standard A4 frames.

Kindly donated by Peter Dawson

MRA Auction XII Lot 43: A day on the Taff with Liam Walsh

LOT 43

A day on the Upper or Lower Taff, guided and entertained by Liam Walsh.

Apparently: *“Liam focuses on a variety of styles of fly fishing from single dry, European style nymphing, streamers, spiders and tenkara.”*

A veritable polymath of the valleys!

STOP PRESS: If the winning bidder prefers, Liam is happy to change this to a day catching grayling on the Severn.

Donated by Liam Walsh

MRA Auction XII Lot 44: A dozen flies from Liam Walsh

LOT 44

A dozen dry flies tied by Liam Walsh:

3 ducks duns,
3 emergers,
3 para duns,
3 terrestrial.

They say: *“He started tying his own flies initially for the satisfaction that catching on your own endeavours brings, but he quickly realised it’s through tying your own flies you can manipulate patterns and fine tune them to suit the fishery he was visiting.”*

They are good!

Donated by Liam Walsh

MRA Auction XII Lot 45: A day for 1 or 2 rods on the Monnow Lodge beat

LOT 45

A day for 1 or 2 rods on the Monnow Lodge beat – about three quarters of a mile of rarely fished water above the Honddu confluence. There are some surprisingly good fish here that have seldom seen an artificial fly. The winning bidder could be in for a great day.

Kindly donated by Cedric Matthison

MRA Auction XII Lot 46: Trout Spells

LOT 46

Trout Spells compiled by Patrick Lloyd. Magical snippets about trout and fishing for them. New paperback.

Donated by Patrick Lloyd

MRA Auction XII Lot 47: A dozen loch style flies tied by Matt Eastham

LOT 47

A dozen loch style flies for wild trout, tied by Trout & Salmon Magazine contributor Matt Eastham. Three each of four of Matt's favourite patterns, these have proved consistent fish catchers in recent seasons on wild stillwaters from Yorkshire and Cumbria to the far north of Scotland.

Monnow May (#10)

As the name suggests, a pattern originally tied to imitate the Ephemera danica hatch on the River Monnow, but Matt has found it translates brilliantly when deployed when 'vulgata' mayflies appear on the northern lochs.

Magenta Hog (#12)

Works a treat either fished as a dry, or on the top dropper of a team of three wets. The unusual dyed-magenta seals fur dubbing has proved a hit with wild brown trout and stocked rainbows alike.

UV Straggle Muddler (#8)

A big top dropper disturbance pattern for a bright day, when the UV and gold straggle material comes into its own. Tied using Rob Denson's unique chocolate brown roe deer.

Big Red Crippled Midge (#12)

Another pattern which serves equally well on wild and stocked stillwaters, the 'big red' is a first class midge cripple imitation which works particularly well in the warm light of a summer evening sunset.

Donated by Matt Eastham

MRA Auction XII Lot 48: A Selection of Pheasant Tail Feathers

LOT 48

Some cock pheasant tail feathers, including some from the uncommon Reeves pheasant - the longest about 36"!

Buyer can arrange to collect from the Monnow valley

Kindly donated by Patrick Lloyd

MRA Auction XII Lot 49: 24 dry flies by Dave Wiltshire

LOT 49

Two dozen flies tied by Dave Wiltshire.

"CdC olive duns and emergers of the finest quality"

Dave is an exceptional and experienced flytyer. He is a regular contributor to FF&FT and demonstrates at various UK and international shows. These flies could turn around your fishing results.

<http://davewiltshireflytying.blogspot.co.uk>

Kindly donated by Dave Wiltshire

MRA Auction XII Lot 50: A day for 1 rod on Garway beats

LOT 50

A day for 1 rod on Garway waters - 5 beats of the main Monnow.

“Some of the best wild trout fishing in the catchment.”

Donated by GFFC

MRA Auction XII Lot 51: A day for 1 rod on Garway beats

LOT 51

Another day for 1 rod on Garway waters - 5 beats of the main Monnow.

“Some of the best wild trout fishing in the catchment.”

Donated by GFFC

MRA Auction XII Lot 52: A craftsman-made maple landing net

LOT 52

Walnut and ‘Tiger’ Maple laminated landing net.

Professionally made using a fully waterproof adhesive and finished with 6 coats of a durable marine grade gloss finish lacquer.

The handle is decorated with an Abalone shell motif of a fish and engraved with ‘The Monnow’

The net head has dimensions of 15ins x 10ins and the net bag is approx 10inch deep. The net bag itself is a quality (not Chinese!) UV resistant rubber type and shakes dry, so no more wet back!

A fixed brass pin and split ring is fitted at the base of the handle.

Kindly donated by Nick Reeves

MRA Auction XII Lot 53: A selection of dry flies tied by Richard Garbett.

LOT 53

A few smallstream dry flies in a little Myran flybox. There are 3 x Griffiths Sparkle Gnats, 3 x DHE, 3 x Grey Duster, 3 x CdC & Elk, 3 x F flies and 3 Poly Wing Spinners.

You will go a long way before you find better tied flies – these are brilliant!

Kindly donated by Richard Garbett (Richfish1)

MRA Auction XII Lot 54: A day's fishing on the Little River Avon

LOT 54

A day's fishing on the Little River Avon, South Gloucestershire in the company of Alan Warner. A fabulous gem of a limestone fed small river – its clear waters are home to plenty of fly life – LDOs, small olives, BWO and Mayfly in season. It is a small river that meanders through the meadows with fast riffles and glides and plenty of ranunculus to test you. It requires stealth and accurate casting but the rewards can be more than worth it. A little treasure!

Kindly donated by Alan Warner.

MRA Auction XII Lot 55: Black Mountain Odyssey with Tigermoth

LOT 55

One Rod, One Day, Five Streams: A Black Mountain Odyssey

The aim... to catch a trout from each of the following streams: The Dore, The Escley, The Olchon, The Honddu and of course The Monnow.

The infamous Tigermoth will be your guide for the day and will take you around some of his favourite Monnowland haunts in search of some wonderful wild trout. *“Let's go for a day in May if we can, then you've real chance of connecting with a 2lb+ fish. I'll throw in a barbecued Black Mountain ribeye and some beers too”*

Kindly donated by Dave Smith (Tigermoth)

MRA Auction XII Lot 56: 24 River Nymphs tied by Dave Brittain

LOT 56

River Nymph collection of hotspot Pheasant Tails and Flash Back Hare's Ears. 12 of each pattern, ranging from 2.5mm to 3mm tungsten competition beads in gold, copper, black and natural.

Kindly donated by Dave Brittain

MRA Auction XII Lot 57: Two dozen+ flies by Roy Christie

LOT 57

#16 - #22 reversed parachute emergers - black gnat, grannom, bwo, olives, March Brown and a couple of wee caddis.

Two dozen flies tied by the renowned Roy Christie - actually 32 flies arrived in post, of which 21 are reversed parachute patterns.

Many years ago Roy realised that the majority of commercial flies were unrelated to trout food so he invented the Reversed Parachute emerger.

Roy is of course a member of the school of 'presentation over recipe', on the principle that fish will prefer to accept the footprint of food in the taking zone, rather than eat a piece of silk, fur and feather wrongly presented.

Kindly donated by Himself

MRA Auction XII Lot 58: Two books by Chris Santella

Lot 58

Two books by Chris Santella in near-new condition

50 more Places to Fly Fish Before You Die

– fly-fishing experts share more of the world’s greatest destinations

and

Why I Fly Fish

– passionate anglers on the pastime’s appeal and how it shaped their lives.

These books can be collected from the Monnow area, unless the winning bidder wants to pay for postage.

Donated by Nick Longman

MRA Auction XII Lot 59: A September day in South Wales with Rob Bending

Lot 59

A day’s fishing on the Ewenny / Tawe / Twrch / Upper Usk, guided by Rob Bending, a Welsh International angler, generous with his wide knowledge of a range of techniques.

To be taken in September 2019

Donated by Rob Bending (Bendino)

MRA Auction XII Lot 60: Fishing with Lee Evans

Lot 60

One day for 1 rod on a private syndicate beat of the middle Usk or any Gwent Angling Society beat (middle Usk, lower Llynfi or upper Sirhowy) with Lee Evans. Lee is a qualified level 2 Angling coach and Chairman of Gwent Angling Society.

Wading and some expertise in medium / large river fishing required to get the most out of the private syndicate beat. Date(s) by arrangement.

Kindly Donated by Lee Evans

MRA Auction XII Lot 61: 12 bags of Andrew’s “Scruffy Dubbing”

LOT 61

12 bags of “Andrew's Scruffy Dubbing”, renowned in flytying circles as the best for creating imitative flies. It is made of rabbit, hare and squirrel (with a few other ingredients!) all dyed and blended by the donor.

Final 12 colours to be arranged with Andrew by the winning bidder.

Kindly Donated by Andrew Ellis

MRA Auction XII Lot 62: A dozen dry flies from Gareth Lewis

Lot 62

One dozen generic upwing imitations, size #14's and #16's. These will cover the three main stages of the lifecycle for the dry fly river angler – emerger, dun, and spinner. All have been used and tested on the Usk, Taff, Wye, and Monnow, and with great success over the years.

These are simply flies that work, and work year round.

If you've never owned a Gareth Lewis fly you will be amazed. His flies are so precise and consistent that, if it wasn't for their soul, you would think they were tied by a robot!

Donated by Gareth Lewis

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

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MRA Auction XII Lot 64: Barbless Flies – The Red Selection - 14 flies.

Lot 64

These flies were designed and developed on the rivers of France (where the anglers know a thing or two about Grayling and the fish are very picky). These nymphs have all proved attractive to Grayling (and Trout) all around the world and especially here in the UK.

The Barbless Red Selection includes:

- 2 x Nano Nymphs - Silver body & Red head (Size 20)
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- 2 x Double-Copper Czech Nymphs (Size 14)
- 2 x Frenchies - Silver body & Red head (Size 16)
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- 2 x Perdignons - Silver body & Red head (Size 16)
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- 1 x Slimline Fly Box (holds 70 flies)

“Only 20 of these Red Selections were made and when they're gone, they're gone”

Kindly Donated by Richard Fieldhouse, Barbless Fly Company

www.barbless-flies.co.uk

MRA Auction XII Lot 65: Barbless Flies - Rubber-Leg Selection - 16 flies.

Lot 65

The barbless Rubber-Leg Pheasant Tail Nymph (PTN) Selection. Tied to resemble the stonefly nymph, this fly can be deadly when fished either under a klinkhammer (aka New Zealand style) or as a point fly with other unweighted flies on droppers above. The rubber legs on these flies pulse when any action is imparted to the leader, this can then trigger takes at any point.

These flies are great throughout the season for stillwater trout and also been found to be great in the smaller sizes for river nymphing. In total there are 16 flies supplied in an 8-compartment fly box. All of these flies are hand tied using barbless hooks, in sizes 16 and 20 using quality materials.

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MRA Auction XII Lot 66: Barbless Flies - Tenkara Selection - 16 flies.

Lot 66

The barbless Tenkara Selection. Tenkara flies (or "kebari") place less emphasis on imitation and more on the importance of their presentation and manipulation. Freshwater anglers in Japan are known to have been using flies to imitate insects by using silk, fur and feathers, at least as long as 430 years ago. Tenkara flies have developed to be very effective at catching trout while remaining simple and versatile patterns. In total there are 16 flies supplied in an 8-compartment fly box. All these tenkara flies are hand tied using barbless hooks, in sizes 14 and 16 using quality materials.

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MRA Auction XII Lot 67: 34 hole fly clip block in beech

Lot 67

A 21 hole fly clip block made from oiled spalted beech.
Includes fly clips.

Donated by Mike Johnson

MRA Auction XII Lot 68: Some flies tied by Terry Bromwell

Lot 68

“Some flies” tied by Terry Bromwell, which, knowing the Welsh master’s predilections, will probably sink but, when they do, they will sink very effectively.

Donated by Terry Bromwell

MRA Auction XII Lot 69: A day’s fishing with Terry Bromwell

Lot 69

A day fishing in the company of a master baiter – at least I think that’s what they said. If you don’t learn something from a day spent on the water with Terry then you’re a better angler than an honest man has a right to be. I have to admit that not only is he good he is also generous with his knowledge. A rare opportunity to waste a few hours in the good company of a Welsh wizard.

Kindly donated by Terry Bromwell

MRA Auction XII Lot 70: A curatorial tour of Queen Victoria exhibitions.

Lot 70

Curator's Tour of new Queen Victoria exhibitions at Kensington Palace with exhibition curator, Polly Putnam. May 24th 2019 - Jan 2020

Kindly donated by Polly Putnam

MRA Auction XII Lot 71: A winter grayling day with Sam McCubbin Western

LOT 71

A day for one rod on the Severn or upper Wye for winter grayling, guided by Sam McCubbin Western.

Kindly donated by Sam McCubbin Western

This auction is really important. It's our main annual event to raise funds to continue our work on Himalayan Balsam (& Mink) control on the Monnow and tributaries – we're aiming to be the first major catchment in UK to eradicate the wretched weed – after 10 years (and almost 13,000 hours work!!) we're almost there and, with your help, we'll get it done.

See complete list of lots here:

<https://www.flyfishing.co.uk/monnow-rivers-association-auction-xii-2019-a/490380-mra-auction-xii-2019-list-lots.html> with regularly updated current bids.

Thanks for your support.