



## FUNDRAISING AUCTION 2020

to be hosted online at  
**Monnow Auction Online**  
from 5<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Those who do not wish to register at  
**www.flyforums.co.uk**  
can lodge a proxy bid  
with the MRA Treasurer, Patrick Lloyd  
Email: **treasurer@monnow.org**  
Phone/text: **07768 366660**  
(Proxy bids must be received by 14<sup>th</sup> March please)

A few notes on our 2020 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 15<sup>th</sup> March.** 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. The large number of 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 XIII 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 2020.

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 XIII 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 XIII Lot 3: A day's fishing on the Little River Avon**

### **LOT 3**

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 XIII Lot 4: A day on the Dorset Frome**

### **LOT 4**

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 XIII 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 XIII 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. Must be taken in 2020 season.

Kindly donated by Malcolm Anderson

## **MRA Auction XIII Lot 7: Dryfly with Denny at Skenfrith**

### **LOT 7**

A day's fishing below the bridge at Skenfrith, guided by Robert Denny (crane fly), 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 XIII Lot 8: Fishing with Kent around Newbury**

### **LOT 8**

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 XIII Lot 9: A winter grayling day with Sam McCubbin Western**

**LOT 9**

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

Kindly donated by Sam McCubbin Western

**MRA Auction XIII Lot 10: An Usk evening for 2 rods with Liam Walsh**

**LOT 10**

A hosted evening on the Usk for 2 rods, guided and entertained by Liam Walsh.  
Fishing the evening rise in August – “as good as it gets”!

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!

Donated by Liam Walsh

**MRA Auction XIII 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 XIII Lot 12: A day for 1 rod on Garway beats**

**LOT 12**

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 XIII Lot 13: A day for 1 rod on Garway beats**

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Donated by GFFC

## **MRA Auction XIII Lot 14: Black Mountain Odyssey with Tigermoth**

### **LOT 14**

#### **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 XIII 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 XIII 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 XIII 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 15<sup>th</sup> May or after 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Kindly donated by Chris Ling.

## **MRA Auction XIII 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 XIII 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 XIII 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 XIII Lot 21: A 2 rod day, private Monnow beat below Grosmont**

### **LOT 21**

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 XIII Lot 22: Day for 2 rods above Skenfrith**

### **LOT 22**

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 XIII Lot 23: A day for 1 or 2 rods on the Monnow Lodge beat**

### **LOT 23**

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 XIII 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 XIII Lot 25: A day's fishing on Welsh Dee**

### **LOT 25**

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 XIII Lot 26: Sea trout fishing in North Wales**

### **LOT 26**

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 XIII Lot 27: A day's barbel fishing on the Wye**

### **LOT 27**

A day's barbel fishing on the Wye. The day to be arranged through George Woodward, who will decide venue based on prevailing river conditions.

George will advise when it's best to go as the Wye can fluctuate quite a bit during the year (according to Sherlock) and these beats deserve to be fished at the best water height.

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

Donated by George Woodward

## **MRA Auction XIII Lot 28: A hosted day for 1 rod on the Coln**

### **LOT 28**

Hosted day on the River Coln in Fairford with England International, Simon Clarke. Best taken May/June 2020 or late season - winter for Grayling. Pub lunch thrown in for good measure.

Kindly donated by Simon Clarke

## **MRA Auction XIII Lot 29: A day on the River Blythe in Warwickshire**

### **LOT 29**

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 XIII Lot 30: One dozen CDC olive flies**

### **LOT 30**

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 XIII Lot 31: Two dozen dry flies from Gareth Lewis**

### **Lot 31**

A selection of two dozen early season dry flies and emergers covering the Large Dark Olive (Baetis rhodani), March Brown (Rhithrogena germanica), and midge (chironomidae).

Complete with compartment fly box, the selection includes:

- 4x Large Dark Olive CDC Emerger, size 16
- 4x Large Dark Olive Paradun, size 16
- 4x March Brown CDC Emerger, size 12
- 4x March Brown Deer Hair Cripple, size 12
- 4x CDC Chironomid/Midge Emerger, size 18
- 4x Snowshoe Rabbit Foot Emerger, size 16

All patterns 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/>



**MRA Auction XIII Lot 32: A dozen early season Usk flies from Lee Evans**

**LOT 32**

A dozen CDC quill dry flies and emergers 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 and Large Dark Olive patterns and will come in a clear Fulling Mill dry fly box.

Kindly donated by Lee Evans

**MRA Auction XIII Lot 33: A dozen stillwater flies by Lee Evans**

**LOT 33**

12 stillwater wet flies that Lee uses for llyn fishing:

4 x Red-arsed Kate variants (2 silver rib and 2 red rib with spectra)

2 x Dark Mackerel

2 x Barron's S.N.O.T

4 x Pearly bibio variants (2 back front hackle and 2 with grey grizzle front hackle)

All size tied with quality hen capes on size 12 Fulling Mill

Kindly donated by Lee Evans

**MRA Auction XIII Lot 34: A box of flies tied by Dave Britain**

**LOT 34**

Box of more than 50 river flies, with a mixture of dries and nymphs, tied by Dave Brittain.

A sometime coarse angler, Dave is also an accomplished river fisherman and a reliable tyer of flies that regularly catch fish.

All you need to have a successful season in one box.

Kindly donated by Dave Brittain

**MRA Auction XII Lot 35: Some flies tied by Terry Bromwell**

**LOT 35**

“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.

A once-upon-a-time captain of the gold medal winning Welsh Team, Terry knows more than most about catching fish and the flies that work.

Donated by Terry Bromwell

## **MRA Auction XIII Lot 36: 16 Pink Tungsten Herl Barbless Nymphs**

### **LOT 36**

A selection of flies in shades of pink (especially for the Grayling). These flies all use tungsten beads in Metallic Pink, Baby Pink & Hot Pink.

**Metallic Pink Tungsten Herl (MPH).** This nymph is tied using a Metallic Pink tungsten bead with a black peacock herl body. This selection includes 2 each of sizes 12 & 14.

**Baby Pink Tungsten Herl (BPH).** This nymph is tied using a Baby Pink tungsten bead with a black peacock herl body. This selection includes 2 each of sizes 16 & 18.

**Hot Pink Tungsten Herl (HPH).** This nymph is tied using a Hot Pink tungsten bead with a black peacock herl body. This selection includes 2 each of sizes 12, 14, 16 & 18.

16 hand-tied pink tungsten nymphs supplied in plastic box.

Kindly donated by Richard Fieldhouse, Barbless Fly Company  
[www.barbless-flies.co.uk](http://www.barbless-flies.co.uk)

## **MRA Auction XIII Lot 37: The Barbless Aphid selection.**

### **LOT 37**

#### **The Barbless Aphid selection.**

During the warmer summer months there's lots of aphid activity on the leaves and these regularly get blown onto the water. This is when you should break out the small dry flies and longer leaders.

A selection of 16 barbless Aphid: 4 different patterns (in 2 sizes - sizes 20 and 24's).

**Para Aphid.** An easy to see small greenfly imitation, green body and pink sighting post. Selection includes 2 each of size 20 and 24.

**Generic Aphid.** A generic aphid imitation with green body and white wings. Selection includes 2 each of size 20 and 24.

**Krystal-Loop Greenfly.** A greenfly imitation. with a krystal flash looped wing. Selection includes 2 each of size 20 and 24.

**Krystal Midge.** A super small midge imitation. with a krystal flash tail. Selection includes 2 each of size 20 and 24.

16 hand-tied barbless aphids with an 8-compartment fly box.

Kindly donated by Richard Fieldhouse, Barbless Fly Company  
[www.barbless-flies.co.uk](http://www.barbless-flies.co.uk)

## **MRA Auction XIII Lot 38: The Barbless Beetle Selection**

### **LOT 38**

**The Barbless Beetle Selection:** during the warm summer months, it is essential that you have a selection of terrestrial flies in your armoury. They work equally well on both rivers and stillwaters. A selection of 16 beetles four different patterns in two different sizes (14 & 18).

**Coch-y-Bonddu Beetle.** The classic beetle pattern, also known as the field chafer. Tied on sizes 14 & 18 barbless hooks. These are an essential terrestrial in your armoury. This selection contains two each of sizes 14 & 18.

**Hi-Viz Beetle.** A great pattern which is easy to see on those bright sunny days. Tied with a bright pink post on sizes 14 & 18 barbless hooks. These are an essential fly in your armoury. This selection contains two each of sizes 14 & 18.

**Rubber-Leg Beetle.** Another great pattern which is easy to see on those bright sunny days. Tied with a red foam post and rubber legs on sizes 14 & 18 barbless hooks. These are an essential fly in your armoury. This selection contains two each of sizes 14 & 18.

**Hi-Float Foam Beetle.** A beetle designed to float high in the water due to its closed cell foam body. Tied with a red wing case on sizes 14 & 18 barbless hooks. These are an essential fly in your armoury. This selection contains two each of sizes 14 & 18.

16 hand-tied beetles supplied in 8-compartment fly box.

Kindly donated by Richard Fieldhouse, Barbless Fly Company

[www.barbless-flies.co.uk](http://www.barbless-flies.co.uk)

## **MRA Auction XIII Lot 39: Simon Clarke's early season collection of duo fly patterns**

### **LOT 39**

Tied by England International, Simon Clarke, an early season collection of Duo fly patterns, 3x JL 'Oppo' variant dry #12, 3x Retirer Sedge #16, 6x PTN #18 2.3mm bead, 3x French nymph #18 2.3mm bead in a Vision foam fly box - small.

Donated by Simon Clarke

## **MRA Auction XIII Lot 40: An EXPERT floating flyline**

### **LOT 40**

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 XIII Lot 41: Airflo SuperFlo Presentation Taper Flyline - 3 wt**

### **LOT 41**

Airflo SuperFlo Presentation Taper Flyline

Colour: Lichen Green/Sunrise

**Size: 3 weight**

- Thin Diameter Running Line
- Fast Line Speed
- Low Stretch Power Core
- Super Buoyancy
- Extreme Low Memory
- Neat Welded Loops

*“A floating line with almost zero memory, that casts easier, further and floats higher when required and lasts longer than any other flyline!”*

Kindly donated by Ceri Thomas

## **MRA Auction XIII Lot 42: Airflo SuperFlo Presentation Taper Flyline - 4 wt**

### **LOT 42**

Airflo SuperFlo Presentation Taper Flyline

Colour: Lichen Green/Sunrise

**Size: 4 weight**

- Thin Diameter Running Line
- Fast Line Speed
- Low Stretch Power Core
- Super Buoyancy
- Extreme Low Memory
- Neat Welded Loops

*“A floating line with almost zero memory, that casts easier, further and floats higher when required and lasts longer than any other flyline!”*

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## **MRA Auction XIII Lot 43: Airflo SuperFlo Presentation Taper Flyline - 5 wt**

### **LOT 43**

Airflo SuperFlo Presentation Taper Flyline

Colour: Lichen Green/Sunrise

**Size: 5 weight**

- Thin Diameter Running Line
- Fast Line Speed
- Low Stretch Power Core
- Super Buoyancy
- Extreme Low Memory
- Neat Welded Loops

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**MRA Auction XIII Lot 44: Airflo 8'8" 3 wt Streamtec fly rod in tube (brand new)**

**LOT 44**

Airflo Streamtec fly rod – 4 piece, 3 weight with half wells handle in Cordura tube.

*“Designed specifically for running water, the Airflo Streamtec V2 range of rods has a smooth progressive action that works extremely well at short to mid range and acts as a great cushion for light tippets on big fish.”*

Donated by Ceri Thomas

**MRA Auction XIII Lot 45: Cortland Desire 10' flyrod – hardly used**

**LOT 45**

Cortland Desire 10', 4wt, 4pc in black cordura tube

*“Cortland Desire fly rods are light in the hand and responsive, with quick recovery allowing for superb line control to create enough power to cast a long line when needed, while being soft enough in the tip to avoid break offs when using ultra fine tippets. Features include high modulus 100% graphite blanks with smooth sanded finish, dark grey wraps, quality guides, super light aluminium reel seats with woven carbon fibre insert. Rod comes in a protective cloth bag and a tube.”*

Kindly donated by Peter Dawson

**MRA Auction XIII Lot 46: Cabellas C.G.R. 6'6" – hardly used.**

**LOT 46**

Cabellas C.G.R. 6'6", 4wt, 3pc in grey cordura tube.

*“Enjoy a taste of the golden age of fly fishing when you head to the river with the Cabela's CGR Fiberglass Fly Rod. There's nothing quite like a fiberglass fly rod when you need to make delicate presentations in close quarters. The CGR's deep-bending, full-flexing slow action delivers unsurpassed feel and protects light tippets when fighting large fish.”*

This rod is in brand new condition as Dawson didn't fish as often as he should have!

Donated by Peter Dawson

**MRA Auction XIII Lot 47: Hardy Ultralite reel with green flyline**

**LOT 47**

Dawson reel #1 - Hardy Ultralite cc2000 click check large arbour in neoprene pouch and original box with backing and (almost unused) olive green #3 floating flyline

Donated by Peter Dawson

**MRA Auction XIII Lot 48: Vision Koma reel with ivory flyline**

**LOT 48**

Dawson reel #2 - Vision Koma large arbour - in Snowbee padded case - loaded with backing and (almost unused) ivory floating flyline ?#4

Kindly donated by Peter Dawson

**MRA Auction XIII Lot 49: Vision Nite reel with spare spool, 2 ivory flylines**

**LOT 49**

Dawson reel #3 - Vision Nite reel and spare spool - in double Snowbee padded case - loaded with backing and (almost unused) ivory flylines WF3F & WF4F

Kindly donated by Peter Dawson

**MRA Auction XIII Lot 50: A craftsman-made maple landing net**

**LOT 50**

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 net head has dimensions of 15ins x 10ins and the net bag is approx 8inch deep. A fixed brass pin and split ring is fitted at the base of the handle.

A trout is engraved on one side of the handle, a mayfly on the other.

A thing of great beauty and useful with it.

Kindly donated by Nick Reeves

**MRA Auction XIII Lot 51: Two books to Match the Hatch**

**LOT 51**

Two books to help a fly fisher to match the hatch:

*Matching the Hatch* by Pat O'Reilly, hardback, 1<sup>st</sup> publish 1997, as new.

*Pocket Guide to Matching the Hatch* by Peter Lapsley and Cyril Bennett, hard cover ring-bound pages, first published 2010, unused condition.

Kindly donated by Peter Dawson

**MRA Auction XIII Lot 52: Trout Spells**

**LOT 52**

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

Donated by Patrick Lloyd

**MRA Auction XIII Lot 53: One kg of biltong**

**LOT 53**

1 kg of the infamous biltong made by the great brai master himself, Simon Clarke.

This stuff is an important and delicious addition to your kit before venturing out into the bush (or the river).

First experienced by most of us at The Monnow Social, this is a perfect way to delay casting to a tricky trout sufficiently to succeed, especially if you've given up the weed. I well remember the 'two fag trout'. Perhaps there's a 'two chew' trout out there!

Kindly donated by Simon Clarke

## **MRA Auction XIII Lot 54: Two VIP tickets to 2000 Trees Festival**

### **LOT 54**

2 VIP\*\*\* Tickets inc Thursday early entry for 2000 Trees Music Festival 9th - 11th 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](http://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).

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## **MRA Auction XIII Lot 55: Two VIP tickets for ArcTanGent Music Festival**

### **LOT 55**

Two VIP\*\*\* tickets inc Thursday early entry for ArcTanGent Music Festival 20th – 22<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.arctangent.co.uk) “The best bands you'll see this year”

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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 over 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/threads/mra-auction-xiii-list-of-lots.561954/>

with regularly updated current bids.

**Thanks for your support.**