



FUNDRAISING AUCTION 2016

Over 70 lots to be hosted by FlyFishing.co.uk
from 20th February to 2nd March 2016

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can lodge a proxy bid

with the MRA Chair, Neil Marfell

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(Proxy bids must be received by midnight on 1st March)

A few notes on our 2016 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 IX will close at midnight on Tuesday 2nd 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. 80ish 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 IX 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 2016

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 IX Lot 2: Box of 24 Monnow flies from Gareth Lewis

LOT 2

Two dozen barbless river dry flies covering a range of upwings, sedge, and midge. Specifically, CDC & Elks (3x #14, 3x #16), March Brown/Brook Dun Paraduns (6x #14), Olive Paraduns (3x #16, 3x #18), and Quill-Bodied Shuttlecocks (3x #16, 3x #18). These four simple patterns, in their range of sizes, will allow the angler to cover a wide range of upwinged flies, sedges and midges

All patterns are tied on barbless Partridge of Redditch Hooks and utilise Whiting Pro Grade hackles, Nature's Spirit Deer Hair, highest quality CDC and Semperfli fly tying threads.

Kindly donated by Gareth Lewis

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

MRA Auction IX Lot 3: A day for 2 rods on the Arrow

LOT 3

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 IX Lot 4: A guided day on a Yorkshire river

LOT 4

A day as a guest of Matt Eastham on the prolific Yorkshire Flyfishers' Water. Take your pick from the Eden, Eamont or Ure – with the Yorkshire Dales as your backdrop – when you're not admiring the stunning scenery you can fish for beautiful wild brownies and grayling. And, if trophy fish are your pleasure it is worth noting that fish are regularly taken up to 3lbs!!! It is fair to say that this is some of the very finest fishing available in the North of England and once tried it's almost impossible not to become a lifelong fan. Just don't tell too many people about it...

Kindly donated by Matt Eastham

MRA Auction IX Lot 5: A day's fishing for barbel on the Severn

LOT 5

A day's barbel fishing on a secluded stretch of the middle Severn, hosted by Neil Hotchin. Breakfast, lunch and all tackle provided.

Kindly donated by Neil Hotchin

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

LOT 6

A day's fishing on a small wild chalk stream somewhere with Malcolm Anderson, writer, photographer, small chalk stream champion and sometime flyfisherman. See <http://www.nadder-diary.net/>

Kindly donated by Malcolm Anderson

MRA Auction IX Lot 7: Magical Mystery Monnow

LOT 7

A day' fishing "somewhere on the Monnow catchment" guided by Robert Denny (crane fly), who knows the water better than most and will provide good company, sage advice and a Maile's pork pie lunch.

Kindly donated by Robert Denny

MRA Auction IX 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', they are provenly effective and not generally to be found (except in trees) outside StJohn's flybox.

Kindly donated by StJohn Milinczuk

MRA Auction IX Lot 9: Guide's Choice Large Arbor Reel

LOT 9

A GCLA reel in dark olive 3-5#.

I am informed that: *“These are CNC machined from T6061 aerospace grade aluminium, a material used extensively throughout the aerospace industry for its strength and lightness. They are excellently anodised to give a sleek look and teamed with a multi-layer cork and co-polymer drag system which is smooth and efficient. As with all reels of the highest quality, it has a low start-up inertia which helps it to protect the lightest of tippets from the most blistering first run of those truly ‘wild’ fish. The reel is also smooth and silent when you wind line in but has a gentle clicking sound as the line is taken from the reel.”*

Looks great too!

Kindly donated by Frank Williams

MRA Auction IX 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 IX Lot 11: A Side of Smoked Salmon

LOT 11

An unsliced side of locally smoked salmon – approx. 1.25kg

Kindly donated by Jamie Forbes

MRA Auction IX Lot 12: A Day on the Brue with Luke Kozak

LOT 12

A day's trout fishing on the River Brue in Somerset with 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.

Kindly donated by Luke Kozak

MRA Auction IX Lot 13: Fishing with Kent around Newbury

LOT 13

A day's fishing for one rod on chalkstreams around Newbury. Fly fishing or winter trotting, or both. Guided by the great Kris Kent.

“Includes a riverside lunch with maggots or worms thrown in”!!!!

Kindly donated by Kris Kent

MRA Auction IX Lot 14: Guided day on South Yorks streams

LOT 14

A chance to fish two South Yorkshire secret streams in one day guided by Danny Gill (pinkshrimp), one in the morning and one in the afternoon. They both hold a staggering head of trout and grayling with both dry fly and nymph bringing success. All equipment can be supplied if required, just need to bring wading kit. Date by arrangement with Danny.

Kindly donated by Danny Gill - pinkshrimp

MRA Auction IX 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. 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' favorites – when we can get on it...

Kindly donated by Charlie Lodge

MRA Auction IX 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 IX 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. A 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. Mouthwatering is the only way to describe it. To be taken before 15th May or after 15th June 2016

Kindly donated by Chris Ling.

MRA Auction IX 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 IX 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 and wild trout and grayling. As with most of the Monnow river 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. Some of our 'best ever' days have been on Tregate water – stunning scenery, apple orchards rolling down to the water, old hay meadows, superb pubs and oh yes... sublime fishing!

Kindly donated by TAC

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

LOT 21

2 VIP*** Tickets inc Thursday early entry for 2000 Trees Music Festival 7th - 9th July Upcoate Farm, Nr Cheltenham, Glos. One of the very best independently managed UK festivals earning plaudits from far and wide "Top 10 small festivals in the UK" – (Guardian), "A festival set up by festival lovers for festival revellers" (Virtual festivals) With a capacity of 5000 people and set in the beautiful rolling Cotswold hills – this is a chance to sample amazing local food, locally produced ciders and ales with an intimate feeling and live acts from across the musical spectrum, this is a chance to experience what festivals used to be all about before they became huge commercial vehicles. 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 IX Lot 22: Two VIP tickets for ArcTanGent music festival

LOT 22

Two VIP*** tickets inc Thursday early entry for ArcTanGent Music Festival 18th – 20th August Fernhill Farm, Nr Bristol. Run by the same folks who created 2000 Trees - ArcTanGent was recently short listed for the Best New Festival and Best Small Festival in the UK Festival Awards – no small achievement for a totally new festival. ArcTanGent is the UK's only festival dedicated to the very best music from the worlds of math-rock, post-rock and noise rock. Held just outside Bristol at the end of August, you'll get 3 nights camping, over 70 bands across 4 stages, a silent disco and some of the best food and drink money can buy. 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 bests bands you'll see this year"

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Kindly donated by Simon Maltas (via Neil Marfell)

MRA Auction IX Lot 23: A day on the Borders with Roger Smith

LOT 23

One day for 1 rod fly fishing for trout or grayling on a river in the Welsh Borderlands accompanied by author Roger Smith. His book *Flyfishing the Welsh Borderlands*, covers the ecology, history, flies, fishing and fishing personalities in this beautiful region, much of which will be shared during the day.

Kindly donated by Roger Smith

MRA Auction IX Lot 24: The River Why - DVD

LOT 24

The River Why – an unopened DVD not generally available in UK. Based on David James Duncan's brilliant book, this charming film will help fill the time when you're not actually fishing.

Kindly donated by Patrick Lloyd

MRA Auction IX Lot 25: A day on the 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 Watery's producing a good number of excellent wild brown trout and a few specimen grayling. On a summers 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 IX 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.

Kindly donated by Brian Coombes

MRA Auction IX 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!!

Donated by Janie Anderson & Lynne Earle

MRA Auction IX Lot 28: One dozen CDC olive flies

LOT 28

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

Kindly donated by Neil Hotchin

MRA Auction IX Lot 29: One dozen nymphs

LOT 29

A dozen flies – “bog standard tungsten-bead-head nymphs, tied on a size 14 hook. Scruffy but effective”

Kindly donated by Neil Hotchin

MRA Auction IX Lot 30: A day's salmon fishing on the Wye at Cadora

LOT 30

A day's salmon fishing on the Wye at Cadora (day to be arranged through George Woodward).

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 this beat deserves to be fished at the best water height.

Donated by George Woodward

MRA Auction IX Lot 31: A day on the Wye at Lydbrook for Barbel or Salmon

LOT 31

A day on the Wye at Lydbrook fishing for Barbel or Salmon depending on conditions - to be arranged through George Woodward.

A prolific (certainly for Barbel) stretch of the Wye which George knows like the back of his hand.

Worth it if you've never fished for super-sized barbel before.

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 IX Lot 32: A day on the Usk with Holycow

LOT 32

One day for one rod (salmon and trout) on Dan-y-Parc as a guest of Mark Hancock (Holycow). Dan-y-Parc is arguably the best trout water on the Usk with the famous 'Leopards of the Usk' in excess of 2lbs regularly caught. The beat is just under 1½ miles of double bank fishing with plenty of excellent salmon holding pools and superb long glides and riffles that can be extraordinarily prolific during the famous March Brown hatches. This is a very exclusive beat and hard to get onto so a real treat for those that like to have the opportunity to catch a trout and a salmon on the same stretch. Mark can advise when it is best to fish depending on your preference for trout and/or salmon as the salmon tend to run later in the year. Lunch will be provided.

Kindly Donated by Mark Hancock

MRA Auction IX 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 (2017). 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 IX Lot 34: Sea trout fishing in North Wales

LOT 34

Two consecutive 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, Conwy or Dee. The day to be taken prior to August 31st of this year. The Clwyd had close to a record season in 2014 with fish up to 10lbs taken at night. Winner(s) will be guided by the donor

Kindly donated by Paul King

MRA Auction IX Lot 35: Signed print of 3 Monnow Trout

LOT 35

'Trout of the Monnow' Signed print of original watercolour by artist fisherman, Humphrey Stanley. Giclée printed on watercolour paper. Unframed. Approx 23cm x 33cm.

Donated by Humphrey Stanley

www.humphreystanleyart.com

MRA Auction IX Lot 36: Signed print Trout of the Wye & Usk

LOT 36

'Wild Brown trout of the Wye and Usk' Superb, signed print of original watercolour by artist fisherman, Humphrey Stanley. Unframed. Approx 525mm x 325mm. Fascinating variation of trout over the 2 catchments.

Donated by Humphrey Stanley
www.humphreystanleyart.com

MRA Auction IX Lot 37: Signed print - Cannop Brook trout

LOT 37

'Wild Trout of the Cannop Brook' Signed print of original watercolour by artist fisherman, Humphrey Stanley. Unframed. Approx 23cm x 33cm.

"See the white on the dorsal fins – extraordinary"

For those that haven't heard of the Cannop Brook – it is available through the WUF Passport.

http://www.wyeuskfoundation.org/fishing/obs/beat_details.php?beat=cannopbrook

Donated by Humphrey Stanley
www.humphreystanleyart.com

MRA Auction IX Lot 38: A stick wiv an otter's 'ead 'andle

LOT 38

A cane with a dark stained hazel shaft, gloss varnish, and a resin otter's head handle, matt varnish, moulded from a carved original in Balfour Castle. 42" total length.

Kindly Made & Donated by Humphrey Stanley

MRA Auction IX Lot 39: A second stick wiv an otter's 'ead 'andle

LOT 39

A cane with a mid stained hazel shaft, gloss varnish, with stripped hazel collar and a resin otter's head handle, matt varnish, moulded from a carved original in Balfour Castle. 43" total length.

Kindly Made & Donated by Humphrey Stanley

MRA Auction IX Lot 40: A day on the Usk – Lee Evans

LOT 40

A day (or two evenings) on the lower middle Usk

A rare opportunity to access the lightly fished Bryn Derwen beat at Bettws Newydd. The beat holds trout to over 3lb and there are two named salmon pools.

Trout fishing is best from

April to July and the beat experiences excellent grannom, yellow may dun, danica mayfly and blue-winged olive hatches. The spinner falls and late evening B-WO hatches can be spectacular and this is often the best time to catch a specimen on the surface.

Salmon fishing is most productive from June to September.

The lot is either for a day or two evenings as the guest of Lee Evans. As Lee lives 100m from the beat he is happy to include breakfast, lunch, dinner etc to the winner's preference.

Please note that this part of the river is wide and effective wading can be challenging in high water.

Kindly donated by Lee Evans

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

MRA Auction IX Lot 41: Two dozen early season Usk flies from Lee Evans

LOT 41

2 dozen proven early season emergers with a twist:

- 2 x sz12 pink holo DHEs - March Brown, Large Brook Dun, general
- 2 x sz12 pearl butt DHEs - March Brown, Large Brook Dun, general
- 2 x sz14 pink holo DHEs - Large Brook Dun, Large Dark Olive, general
- 2 x sz14 pearl butt DHEs - Large Brook Dun, Large Dark Olive, general
- 2 x sz12 Uv ginger quill CDC emergers - March Brown, Large Brook Dun
- 2 x sz14 Uv ginger quill CDC emergers - March Brown, Large Brook Dun, general
- 4 x sz14 Uv olive quill CDC emergers - Large Dark Olive, Medium Olive, general
- 4 x sz14 Uv yellow quill CDC emergers - Yellow May Dun, general
- 4 x sz16 UV natural quill CDC emergers - general smaller

Kindly donated by Lee Evans

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

MRA Auction IX Lot 42: A day for 2 rods on a private Middle Monnow beat

LOT 42

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 IX Lot 43: Signed print of 3 Monnow Trout

LOT 43

'Trout of the Monnow' Signed print of original watercolour by artist fisherman, Humphrey Stanley. Unframed. Approx 23cm x 33cm.

Donated by Humphrey Stanley
www.humphreystanleyart.com

MRA Auction IX Lot 44: Signed print Tregate Anglers' Monnow Fishing

LOT 44

'Tregate Map' Signed print of original watercolour by artist fisherman, Humphrey Stanley. Unframed. Approx 600mm x 425mm.

Donated by Humphrey Stanley
www.humphreystanleyart.com

MRA Auction IX 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 IX Lot 46: A hazel cane with an otter head handle

LOT 46

A cane with a hazel shaft with a resin otter's head handle, moulded from a carved original in Balfour Castle. Dark stained, matt varnish. 47" total length.

Kindly Made & Donated by Humphrey Stanley

MRA Auction IX Lot 47: A large bag of CdC feathers

LOT 47

A large bag of CdC feathers collected from mallard ducks shot in Orkney in the 2014-15 season.

"They are highly buoyant – a few of us, having tied a few flies with them, can confirm MrP's CdC is the real deal."

"Looks the absolute business and actually leaving oil on my fingers - bet it floats like a cork"

Kindly donated by Patrick Lloyd

MRA Auction IX Lot 48: Trout Spells

LOT 48

Trout Spells compiled by Patrick Lloyd. Magical snippets about trout and fishing for them. New hardback with dust jacket.

Kindly donated by Patrick Lloyd

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

LOT 49

Two dozen flies tied by Dave Wiltshire.

"whatever the buyer wishes - so long as they are dry ;-)"

Dave is an exceptional and experienced flytyer. He is a regular contributor to FF&FT and demonstrates at various UK and international shows. These 24 flies could turn around your fishing results.

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

Kindly donated by Dave Wiltshire

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

LOT 50

A day for 1 rod on Garway waters - 4 beats of the main Monnow plus the first beat of the Dore.

"Some of the best wild trout fishing in the catchment."

Donated by GFFC

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

LOT 51

Another day for 1 rod on Garway waters - 4 beats of the main Monnow plus the first beat of the Dore.

"Some of the best wild trout fishing in the catchment."

Donated by GFFC

MRA Auction IX Lot 52: A pair of breathable stockingfoot chestwaders

LOT 52

A pair of breathable stockingfoot waders by Sierra. Size L
Untested but appear to have been only lightly used.

Sold in memory of Adrian Smith

MRA Auction IX Lot 53: A lightweight tent

LOT 53

Perfect for the Monnow Social.

Pro Action Hike Lite 1 Person Tent.

A lightweight tent ideal for the occasional weekend fishing trip to those out of the way places.

The outer tent measures 3.00 x 1.20 m supported by Duraluminium poles, the inner tent made from breathable Polyester, measures 2.90 x 1.10 x 1.00 m.

Kindly donated by Peter Dawson

MRA Auction IX 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 IX 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 IX Lot 56: A guided day – big fish on Monnow

LOT 56

A Guided Day On The Monnow at Cloddock

A guided day for one rod on perhaps the river's most reliable big fish producing stretch of water. Lunch and or supper thrown in for good measure.

“Here there be an abundance of very large trout.”

Kindly donated by Geoffrey Guinness.

MRA Auction IX Lot 57: A Fishpond fishing vest

LOT 57

A Fishpond fishing waistcoat (or vest!). Used but in perfect condition. More pockets than any sane angler could ever use including several 'backpack' pockets

Sold in memory of Adrian Smith

MRA Auction IX Lot 58: A Wychwood fishing bag

Lot 58

A really useful Wychwood fishing bag. A great chance to tidy up your tackle or at least to keep most of it in one place.

Sold in memory of Adrian Smith

MRA Auction IX Lot 59: Cocoons sunglasses

Lot 59

Cocoons Fitover sunglasses

To quote the manufactures product information: "Cocoons feature professional grade components and craftsmanship. The patented Fitover designs utilize our world class Polaré® lens system".

Having used Cocoons for a couple of seasons I can highly recommend them.

Kindly Donated by Peter Dawson

MRA Auction IX Lot 60: A day on the Derbyshire Wye with Glen Pointon

Lot 60

A day's trout fishing on the Derbyshire Wye, guided by Glen Pointon.

Seven miles of superb water holding both wild brown trout and wild rainbows with fly hatches like you rarely see anywhere else. The Wye is a veritable fly factory producing a really healthy population of stonking trout.

Glen knows these waters well. He is a passionate and experienced angler, usually working out where to find the "horses".

He writes and speaks about his experiences in an enthusiastic manner that is inspiring and infectious.

<http://www.glenpointon.blogspot.co.uk/>

Kindly Donated by Glen Pointon

MRA Auction IX Lot 61: Some Fishing DVDs

Lot 61

A selection of Flyfishing DVDs:

Three Flies & The River Don

Bugs of the Underworld

Box set – Flyfishing Vols 1, 2, 3.

Sold in memory of Adrian Smith

MRA Auction IX Lot 62: A Group of Flyboxes

Lot 62

Five flyboxes – we can never have too many!

Fishpond x 2
Lureflash x 1
Orvis x 1
Shakespeare x 1

Sold in memory of Adrian Smith

MRA Auction IX Lot 63: A Limited edition signed print by Charles Jardine

Lot 63

A Fine Grayling. Number 4 of the very limited print run of 150 worldwide. The image will be remarked with an original pencil drawing/sketch, numbered and signed and have a note of authenticity. CJ *“The price will be 150 quidsee if you can get a little more and I might splash some colour on the original sketch ...in the appropriate places.”*

Kindly donated by Charles Jardine

MRA Auction IX Lot 64: Waterside Guide - book

Lot 64

Waterside Guide by John Goddard. An almost unused copy.
A book that no angler should be without. The very best guide to the flies that trout eat. Not only useful to improve your fishing but will also enhance any visit to the river, allowing you to accurately identify most river flies.

Sold in memory of Adrian Smith

MRA Auction IX Lot 65: Two antique caricature prints

Lot 65

Two prints published by William Davison of Alnwick in the early 19th century.
The Country Crier and *London Sportsmen Marking Game*
Some foxing. Under glass. Modern gilt frames.

Collection preferred or Postage at cost

Donated by Nick Longman

MRA Auction IX Lot 66: A pair of framed American lithographs.

Lot 66

A pair of prints published by Currier & Ives of New York in 1879.
The Parson's Colt and *The Deacon's Mare*.
Under glass. Modern frames.

“I am not sure of the actual age of these prints. If right they can fetch several hundred dollars!” MrP

Collection preferred or Postage at cost

Donated by Nick Longman

MRA Auction IX Lot 67: A pair of modern hunting prints

Lot 67

A pair of modern hunting prints.
Vale of Aylesbury Steeple Chase Plate 2 and Plate 3
Under glass. Modern frames.

Collection preferred or Postage at cost

Donated by Nick Longman

MRA Auction IX Lot 68: Photographic print - Trout Rising to Midge

Lot 68

Trout Sipping Midge – a photographic print from the studio of Peter Dawson Photography.
Print size 420mm x 297mm
Printed on PEFC certified, 270 gm2 Photo Premium Matt paper.
Unmounted, rolled for posting.

Donated by Peter Dawson

MRA Auction IX Lot 69: Danica Tecno fly reel with 2 spare spools.

Lot 69

Danica Tecno 6-9 Reel and two spare spools, in excellent condition. Complete with three neoprene cases. Made from graphite, the reel is both light and strong. Probably best suited to #7 and #8 lines, each spool is loaded with braided backing.

Not to be confused with the cheaper Danica Traditional/Compo, the Tecno has a super smooth fully adjustable drag system. Silent on the retrieve, it ticks like a fine Swiss watch when line is stripped off.

It really is a first-rate bit of kit.

Donated by Streamfisher

MRA Auction IX Lot 70: A dozen dry flies from Nicholas Steedman

Lot 70

A dozen dry flies tied by Nicholas Steedman, who regularly catches the large and tricky trout that give most of us trouble.

4 Paraduns, 4 Olive emergers (Cul de Canon) and 4 PP para spinner.

Something to cover all stages of a hatch.

Kindly donated by Nicholas Steedman

MRA Auction IX Lot 71: Sunday lunch at the Temple Bar

LOT 71

Sunday lunch for two people at the Temple Bar Inn, Ewyas Harold.
Perfect pub for a break in your fishing trip. Lots of local water (and beers!)

Kindly donated by Philly at the Temple Bar Inn

MRA Auction IX Lot 72: A day's fishing in South Wales with Bendino

Lot 72

A days fishing on the Ewenny / Tawe / Twrch / Upper Usk, guided by Rob Bending.

Donated by Bendino

MRA Auction IX Lot 73: Barbless wet selection – 38 flies

Lot 73

A selection of spiders (18) and tungsten/beadhead nymphs (20) from The Barbless Fly Company.

Supplied in a slimline plastic box.

See Dave Wiltshire's glowing review at

<http://davewiltshireflytying.blogspot.co.uk/2012/10/brilliant-barbless-flies.html>

Kindly Donated by Richard Fieldhouse, Barbless Fly Company

www.barbless-flies.co.uk

MRA Auction IX Lot 74: Barbless dry selection – 24 flies

Lot 74

A selection of dry flies from The Barbless Fly Company.

Balloon Sedgehammer. A versatile pattern, great fished as a single fly on a dead drift or as the dry in a duo/New Zealand set up, which has exceptional buoyancy and will suspend even the heaviest of nymphs. Selection contains three of sizes 14 and 16.

Elk Hair CDC. A sedge (or caddis) imitation. These have been tied with a small amount of CDC under the elk hair, which has exceptional buoyancy. I have found this pattern to bring up even the most timid of fish when dead drifted through a pool. This selection contains three of sizes 16 & 18.

CDC Olive F-Fly. A very well known and versatile fly. Can be used all year round in all light conditions. An excellent "go to" fly. Selection contains three of sizes 16 & 18

CDC Olive Emerger. An excellent emerger pattern, with a CDC wing. This pattern is ideal to imitate the change from nymph to dun. Selection contains three of sizes 16 & 18.

Supplied in a slimline plastic box.

Kindly Donated by Richard Fieldhouse, Barbless Fly Company

www.barbless-flies.co.uk

MRA Auction IX Lot 75: Deer stalking session.

Lot 75

An accompanied morning or evening Fallow Deer stalking on a Worcestershire estate. To be taken before the end of March 2016. Rifle can be provided if required. No novice shots, however.

Kindly donated by Phil Johnson

<http://www.pheasanthuntinginengland.com/About/Phil-Johnson>

MRA Auction IX Lot 76: A Pureflex rod 8ft 4/5#

Lot 76

The Pureflex rod – 8ft 4pc 4/5# - an ideal spare rod, perfect for most Monnow fishing.

Key features:

- Middle to tip easy casting action
- Non glare matt finish blank
- Silicon carbide stripper guides
- Hard chrome double leg snake rings
- Lightweight aluminium reel seat
- A-grade quality cork handle
- Cordura rod tube with protective spacers.

Brand new rod, inclusive of postage direct from donor.

Kindly donated by Sportfish, Winforton

MRA Auction IX Lot 77: A tour for 4 of Hampton Court Palace

Lot 77

Curatorial Tour of Hampton Court Palace for up to 4 people. Join curator Polly Putnam for a tour of this historic palace. Famous as the home of Henry VIII but filled with history - stunning interiors and gardens. Polly Putnam is a collections curator of the Palace and an expert on the history of chocolate making. Highlights of this tour include the Chocolate Kitchen, built by William III to fuel his chocolate habit, and some of the parts of the palace not normally on show to the public. However, if there is anything in particular that interests you, Polly will ensure that you have a bespoke experience.

Kindly donated by Polly Putnam

MRA Auction IX Lot 78: A day on the Rectory beat of the Wye

Lot 78

A day for up to 3 rods on the Rectory beat of the river Wye. Approx. 1½m of right and 1m of left bank main river salmon, trout, grayling and coarse fishing some 6 miles upstream of Hay on Wye. The Rectory is one of the premier beats with a procession of diverse pools to attract the angler. Season rods are sold on this beat so exclusivity is not guaranteed.

To be taken on an available day to be arranged with WUF.

Kindly donated by The Wye & Usk Foundation

MRA Auction IX Lot 79: A large bag of CdC feathers

LOT 79

A large bag of CdC feathers collected from mallard ducks shot in Orkney in the 2014-15 season.

"Looks the absolute business and actually leaving oil on my fingers - bet it floats like a cork"

Kindly donated by Patrick Lloyd

MRA Auction IX Lot 80: Fishing on an "unfished beat" of the Upper Monnow

LOT 80

A chance to fish a section of the Upper Monnow that has received very little attention in the company of Keth White.

"Spoke to farmer..

He's ok with fishing his stretch....it's not a long beat...but good fishing...I'm the only one that fishes it and I'll be happy to show whoever around...it's just downstream from crossroads to Michaelchurch and Llanveynoe"

Kindly donated by Keith White

MRA Auction IX Lot 81: Vision Cult fly rod

LOT 81

Vision Cult 9'6" 4wt , 3 piece, flyrod

"Good but used condition - the cork handle I filled as you can see in pics."

Nice through flex action.

Kindly donated by Spencer Clayton

MRA Auction IX Lot 82: Dartmoor fishing with Pete Tyjas

LOT 82

Join fishing guide and producer of fly fishing ezine [Eat, Sleep, Fish, Pete Tyjas](#) on a day's guided fly fishing on Dartmoor. Pete will take you to a number of streams, some well-known, some not so well-known, in search of fast, free-rising moorland trout. Dartmoor is one of the "must visit" fishing locations in the UK that offers many miles of varied and interesting fishing. A picnic lunch will also be included.

Kindly donated by Pete Tyjas

MRA Auction IX Lot 83: A day on the Ribble

LOT 83

A relaxing day fishing the River Ribble.

The winning bidder can chose to fish for salmon (but must provide their own tackle) or barbel, and tackle & bait can be provided. Alternatively, the day can be arranged to fish for both subject to seasons.

With access to a number of beats and salmon pools, the Ribble can produce some excellent salmon in the right conditions, while in recent years the barbel have become more elusive, when caught they can weigh on average from 7lb to 10lb, and are usually in stunning condition.

"Having fished for barbel for over 20 years, and trout & grayling for over 15 years on other waters, I can assure the winning bidder that a day in the stunning Ribble Valley is always fun and enjoyable!"

Donated by Barry, The Lancashire Angler

MRA Auction IX Lot 84: Stillwater flies x 35

LOT 84

A set of flies all hand tied by Barry, The Lancashire Angler

20 buzzers (2 sets of 10)
5 Diawl bach varients
10 other flies; nymphs, spiders, etc

The 35 flies will be sent in a foam lined tin that I was going to use as a fly box.

I've caught a lot of fish on the nymphs, buzzers and spiders and hope someone finds them as successful!

Donated by Barry

MRA Auction IX Lot 85: A day of fishing and photos

LOT 85

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

This auction is really important. It's our main annual event to raise funds to continue our work on Himalayan Balsam control on the Monnow and tributaries – we're aiming to be the first major catchment in UK to eradicate the wretched weed – after 6 years (and over 11,000 hours work!!) we're almost there and, with your help, we'll get it done.

See complete list of lots here <http://www.flyfishing.co.uk/river-monnow/344610-mra-auction-ix-list-lots.html> with regularly updated current bids.

Thanks for your support.