Lancashire Fly Fishing Association

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Welcome to the sixth issue of our newsletter.

We are pleased to share this, the sixth issue, of the L.F.F.A. newsletter. We are delighted to welcome our new members and look forward to meeting you on the river banks and at social gatherings. I would also like to thanks those members who have contributed to this issue. Your input was much appreciated.

The newsletter is not meant solely for airing the views of members of the committee. There is an open invitation for anyone to submit interesting stories, incidents or anecdotes which I'm sure will provide a welcome inclusive (hands on?) feel to the newsletter.

This and Previous issues of the newsletter can be found on the LFFA Website.

WWW.lffa.co.uk/members page.

Chairman's Mid-year Report

Dear Members

I hope you are having a successful season even with the challenging weather conditions.
There are reports of good sized grayling being caught early in the year from both the Hodder and the Ribble, 2lb plus not being unusual. Also very large trout recently from the Ribble at Gisburn, the best that I know of was 4lb 3ozs. Our ranunculus project has shown encouragement with the appearance of a new crop both on the Hodder and the Ribble. This is hopefully a return to the grand old days when fishermen complained that it was so prolific and that we should have a work party to clear some from the river. However we are not there yet and I intend to transplant, in various locations, some harvested ranunculus later this summer



River Irt

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GO Outdoors

Go outdoors offers a 10% discount on all none sale items for LFFA members.

Future Issues

We hope that you've enjoyed this issue of the club's magazine and found the articles useful, informative and enjoyable.

For future editions we would be more than pleased to receive contributions from any member. If you have any stories-serious or amusing - advice, anecdotes, or simply would like answers to any fishing related queries you might have, then we would love to hear from you.

HARP Project.

The HARP project seems to have stalled at the moment because the planning application has been referred to central government and we await their decision on the go ahead. This could take some time and an unofficial start date should be after Easter 2025.

Bank House and Barns fold Fisheries.

Members who want to take a non-member with them to the above fisheries can have the benefit of the very low discounted rate that our club is charged provided they have a guest ticket to present when they get there. Also we will be arranging fishing related workshops at both venues next season.

Cromwell's basin car park.

We are hopeful that the parking will be on hard standing in the near future when the farmer finds time in his busy schedule to spread the hard core.
Water quality monitoring, which has been sponsored by the Hodder Consultative, is taking place on the Hodder and the Ribble once every month along with the River Fly Invertebrate count. We have coincided both on the last Monday in the month and meet at Knowelmere car park at 10:00am. You are welcome to come along and see what is involved or check Ribble Rivers Trust citizen science dashboard for our results along with other clubs.

Hodder sites are 406,407 and 410.

Royal Lancashire show.

We will have a stand near the river and next to the casting demonstration.

Stop press

There are reports this last week of large trout being caught in the lower section of Knowlemere water towards Dunsop Bridge. One of your committee caught twenty last Thursday. So get out there and get fishing.

Vince Edmondson.

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JOHN NORRIS OF PENRITH

John Norris of Penrith offers a 15% discount on all none sale items for LFFA members

Working Parties.

Working Party at Newton in Bowland Paythorne and Gisburn
Summary of Work Parties for LFFA.

Saturday 18th February.
Hodder

A large tree blocking the path towards Easington Beck was removed along with several other tree branches blocking the stile close to the Beck. This was probably more beneficial for local walkers than for fishermen.
A new stile was erected over the barbed wire fence across from Easington Beck see photo below.
Several other branches were removed but little more could be done at that stage as the river was in flood due to heavy overnight rain.


New stile installed at Easington Brook


2 stiles above Stock Beck were repaired.


Tree pruning on Hodder


Repaired Style and rod holder Gisburn

Saturday 25th February.
Gisburn,

A very good attendance by the membership. John D Work party co-ordinator, Geoff, vice chair, Frank, Treasurer, John D, John C, David, Bill Mick and Ian. Not all arrived at the same time so could not get a photo of the group.
But plenty of jobs were completed. 2 stiles above Stock Beck were repaired.
The first stile upstream from the bridge (edge of woodland) had been broken down by Deer. Rails repaired and nailed back. The photo above shows the repair and a rod rest to assist members climbing the stile
Branches were removed from the overhanging Beech trees just upstream from the bridge.
John D removed a large fallen tree trunk from the pathway downstream from the bridge, and other overhanging branches were also trimmed.
By far the most important job downstream was the repairs carried out to the wooden walkways.
Rotted panels were replaced with new boards.

A step was repaired to assist crossing the small stream which occurs just after leaving the roadway on the way downstream. Many hands made light work.

Sunday 26th.
Gisburn car park.

Previously the new car park at Gisburn/Ellenthorpe shown below were prone to flooding and new drains and resurfacing of the parking area has been successfully undertaken. Therefore Attention was given to the perimeter hedges and improved security of the area.
Two new members helped, Will and John from Lytham. Vince came down to see us and others in attendance were:-
Big John, David, Bill, Mick and Ian.
Due to the high river level on the first work party at Newton it was decided to revisit the river on Saturday 4th March.

John D (Work party co-ordinator), John C, David, Bill, Ian and John (Lytham) attended.

Willow and overhanging branches were pruned above and below the bridge at Newton, see photo.




Re Surfaced Carpark and trimmed hedges at Gisburn/Ellenthorpe

Working Parties continued.

Saturday 11th March.
Paythorne.

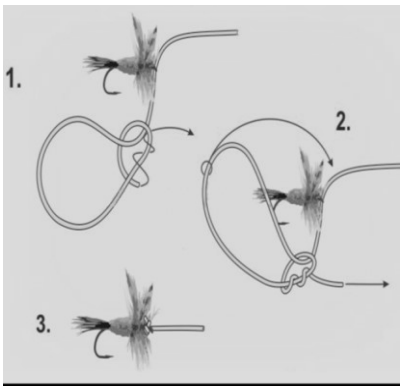
A cold frosty start but the snow that fell the previous day had more or less thawed. John D (work party co-ordinator) together with John C, Dave & Bill replaced the gate post and renewed the hand rail leading down to the river situated just downstream of the road bridge.
Hanging branches along the river downstream were removed.
Vince, our chairman was also in attendance.

N. B. John D (Work Party co-ordinator) would like to thank all those who attended the work parties and for all their efforts. on behalf of Lancashire Fly.



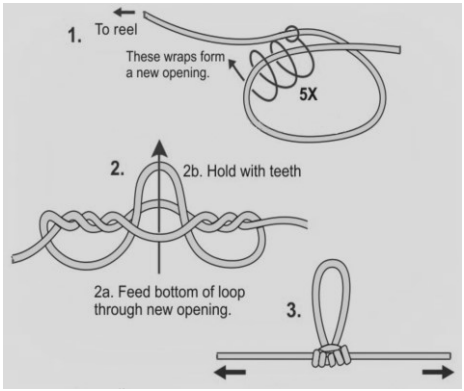


Four more Knots every angler should know.



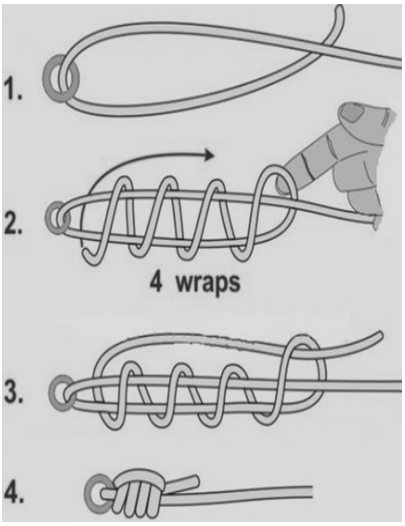
Turle knot

Used for connecting a fly with either a turned up or turned down eye. It can be improved by tucking the tag end through the large loop before tightening the knot onto the



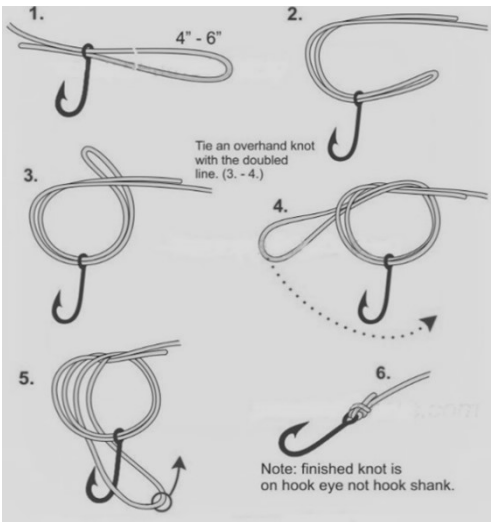
Dropper loop knot

Mainly use for attaching additional flies to a single fishing line. If the loop is tied particularly large one side of the loop can be cut where it exits the knot leaving a single strand of line.



Pitzen knot

This knot has also been recommended by one of our members for attaching of Tenkara flies to the leader mainly because of its high breaking strength which comes close to 95% of tippet material value. It is easier to tie in lighter tippet.



Palomar knot

This knot has been recommended by one of our members for attaching of Tenkara flies to the leader mainly because of its high strength which comes close to 100% of tippet material value.