

Eddie Wilkinson – First Wharfe Season Report and
Successful Fly Patterns

Report from new member Eddie Wilkinson from Chester.

I have had an excellent first season on the Ilkley AA water, fishing approximately once in every ten days. My catch has been between 6 and 15 fish per session, although I have managed 20+ on one occasion. Best Brown was about 4lb and best Grayling about 1lb. I did speak to a few fishermen on the bank and swapped tales with them. My most successful fly patterns were a beaded PTN spider and a green Parra loop.

Fly dressings – Green Parraloop dry

Hook - (if you can get any) TMC 101 straight eye size 18

Tail - a few fibres from a honey or red cock cape

Body - polydub, colour to suit (I use pale green or grey mostly)

Hackle - genetic grizzle

Post - black tying thread

Beaded PTN spider (ish)

Hook - kamasan B175 size 14

Tail and body - pheasant tail

Rib - gold wire (fine)

Collar - black and gold UV straggle fritz

Hackle - black hen

Bead - white bead (brass or tungsten)

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Ilkley Angling Association - Catch Return Form

| Date fished | Pictures taken | Name of fly Type & size | Number & species of fish caught | Number of fish taken |
|-------------|----------------|----------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| 30/03/16 | 8 | PTN | 16 All Browns | Nil |
| 25/04/16 | 9 | PTN | 15 All Browns | Nil |
| 27/04/16 | 5 + 2 video | PTN | 12 11 Browns 1 Grayling | Nil |
| 09/05/16 | 26 | Parraloop, PTN | 30+ 25 Browns 5 Grayling | Nil |
| 18/05/16 | 17 | Parraloop, PTN | 27 23 Browns 4 Grayling | Nil |
| 24/05/16 | 8 | PTN | 17 All Browns | Nil |
| 06/06/16 | 17 | PTN | 24 18 Browns 6 Grayling | Nil |
| 23/06/16 | 18 | Parraloop, PTN | 26 21 Browns 5 Grayling | Nil |
| 18/07/16 | 14 | PTN | 18 15 Browns 3 Grayling | Nil |
| 26/07/16 | 2 | PTN | 6 4 Browns 2 Grayling Best Grayling 11/2lb | Nil |
| 09/09/16 | 8 | Parraloop, PTN | 19 All Browns Best Brown 3lb + | Nil |
| | | Total | 210 | Nil |

No fish taken, all fishing taken place between 10am and 4pm (normally 2 – 4 hours fishing). About 30+ fish were over the 1lb mark.

Another very good season, with dry fly far better here than on my local river.

Pictures of Better fish and fly on the water



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Flies used
The wet is a PTN spider with a tungsten bead tied on a size 14 kamasan B175 hook .



Dressing

Hook Kamasan B175
Tail Pheasant tail
Body Pheasant tail

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Rib Fine wire
Collar Micro synergy straggle fritz - gold/black
Hackle Green hen
Head Tungsten bead

Mark IV



White tungsten bead plus a mirage shellback (works far better)

Dry is a grey parraloop size 18 on a tiemco 101 (difficult to get hold of now
Any straight eyed lightweight hook will do)

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Dressing

Hook Tiemco 101
Tail Ginger cock
Body Flyright
Hackle Genetic grizzle cock