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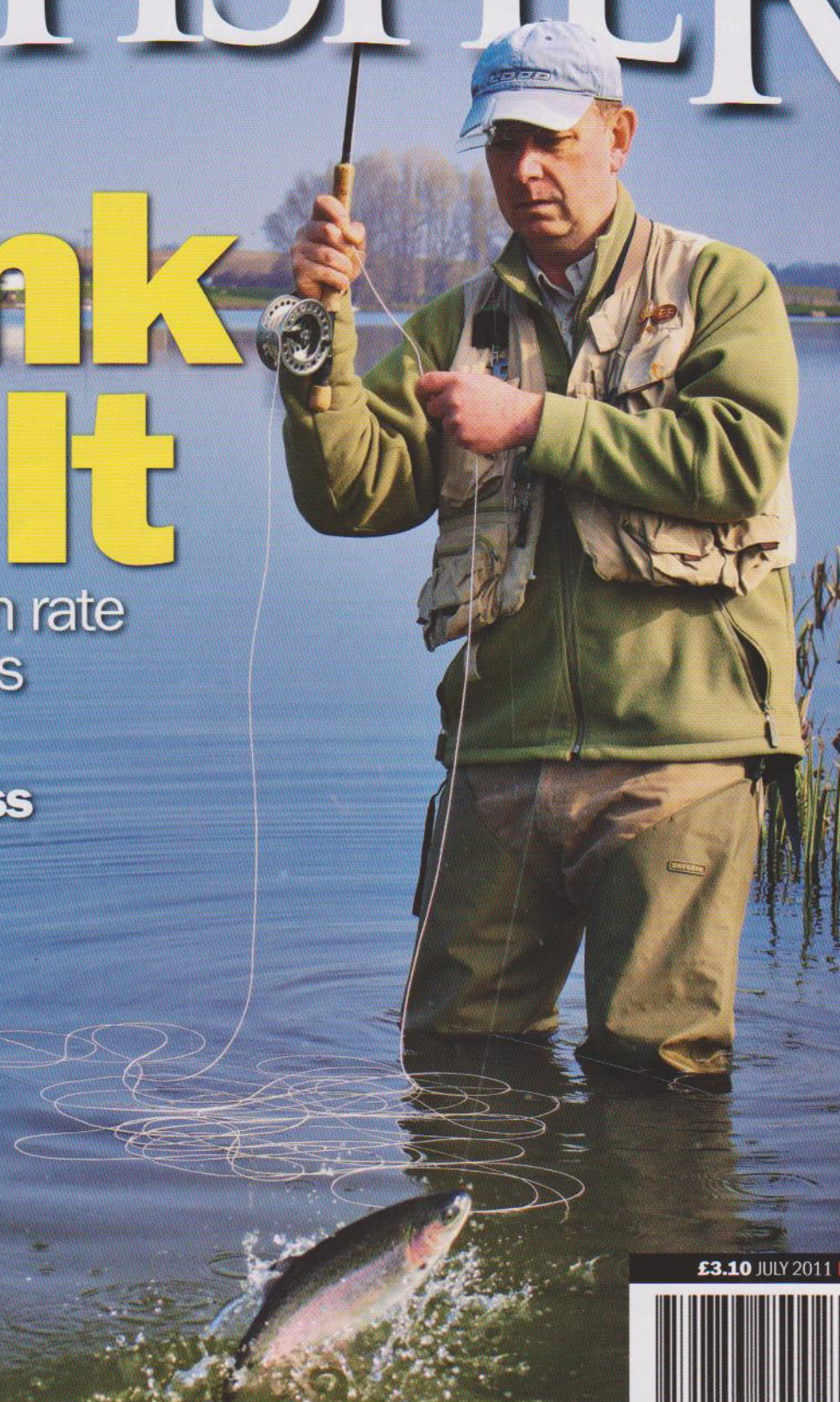
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# News

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## Orvis Access Fly Rod Competition

The lucky winner who will soon be receiving a brand-new Orvis Access 9ft 6-wt Fly rod is: Michael Crook, from Devon.



Bob James, Chris Tarrant and Chris Sandford, victorious at the One Fly Competition held on the River Test.

## Chris Tarrant and the Dream Team win the One Fly!

Bob James' Dream Team of Chris Tarrant, Chris Sandford and himself won the much coveted River Test One Fly competition.

As the title suggests, the One Fly operates on a very simple rule. You fish all day with only one fly – lose it and you're out! Chris supplied the Dream Team with the Ducking Feadly fly, and this was their secret weapon.

Bob invited Chris to join the team in 2010, but he only had a few days to come up with a fly. It had to be a heavy, indestructible pattern that would 'search' the deep pools. On the morning of the competition Bob's guide looked into the box and said "They

look \*\*\*\*ing deadly!" so that's what they decided to call the fly!

Later that day, a TV crew was filming Bob and the director asked him the name of the fly he was using. Not wishing to offend the viewing public, he pretended not to remember and asked his guide. The guide, without missing a beat said: "Oh that one, sir? That's the Ducking Feadly."

The winning Ducking Feadly! (Ed: What a strange name?)



Team captain Bob James was delighted with the result and commented: "Fishing with your buddies is good, but winning with them is even better!"

When Chris Tarrant was asked to give his opinion of the DF he announced, with a wry smile: "Initially, like everything to do with Sandford, I was extremely dubious, but after years of disappointment and treachery I have to say that this time, his word was as good as his bond and the Test trout found the fly irresistible! It was a great day, but most importantly, the event raised nearly £1,000 and Bob was delighted to present the cheque to Help for Heroes."

## New dawn at Draycote

Anglers have welcomed the news that Draycote Water Reservoir near Rugby is open for fly fishing again, under the management of Ifor Jones and Craig Barr.

Ifor already operates Foremark and Thornton Reservoirs as popular trout fisheries. His tender was Severn Trent's preferred bid and he told the Angling Trust (AT): "I will be encouraging young anglers by extending my 'Kids Go Free' policy for those sharing an adult's permit and catch limit and I am very keen to help support the AT's England Youth Team at Draycote. Thornton and Foremark again this season."

Ifor is well known for running Thornton Fishery successfully for nearly 30 years and has been Chairman of the Stillwater Trout Fisheries' Association (STEA) since 2008.

The Trust has been working closely with Draycote Fly Fishers Association to campaign for the reservoir to re-open for fishing.

## An apology

In the February issue of TFF Michael Ridall pointed out the hazards of semi-automatic fly reels. The image shown was that of a Vivarelli reel which, unlike the old-fashioned wind-up reels, which Michael referred to, has a safety feature built in that makes it totally user-friendly.



## Hardy & Greys offer service at CLA

This year at the CLA Game Fair Hardy & Greys will be offering a free Hardy or Greys reel service. Just bring your

Hardy or Greys reel onto the Hardy stand for your free mini-service and lubrication by Hardy & Greys reel experts. Any larger reel repairs needed can be taken back to Hardy HQ and dealt with individually.

Other attractions include Tom Moran and Calum Gladstone, who will be demonstrating the art of cane-rod building.

The Hardy & Greys team England members will be demonstrating their winning methods and talking tactics in the Hardy & Greys casting area. All the latest tackle will be on show including the Sintrix Zenith and Proaxis, which can be tested in the Hardy casting area.