

Invicta Fly Tying Group Report by Colin Newton



The Invicta Fly Tying Group held its last meeting before the Summer break on Monday 10 July. We were very pleased to welcome Gary How to the meeting who shared his expertise. There were 5 other keen tiers at the meeting and we also had 4 apologies – we are now taking a break until September and reviewing our next programme. Over the 6 meetings since we started on 17 April there has been an average attendance of 7 people per session which we're thrilled about.

The group started with some people who had never tied flies before and didn't have any gear or idea about the tools and materials involved in fly tying. We began with a simple buzzer and have progressed to the flies you see above. The photo shows the flies we tied on 10 July and from the left are a Cat's Whisker, a Cruncher, a Sparkler, a variation of a Shipman's Buzzer and an original Shipman's Buzzer to pattern. Roger and I are impressed with the standard and improvement in the group. The group has learnt the fundamentals of fly tying and have now mastered the complexities of dubbing, tying hackles and bearded hackles. The skills we have learnt will take us forward in the next programme which we will begin with a review of all aspects.

A big thank you to Roger for all his patience and time in teaching us these fundamentals. I would like to mention that we have received encouraging reports from the Invicta committee.

Anyone is still very welcome to join us.

Tight Lines
Colin