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Pontarddulais & District Angling Association Newsletter



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## Another long winter...

Another difficult season passes us by and I begin to wonder if things will improve next season – well it can't be any worse! Let's hope we have the water to encourage those fish up river and away from the hazards of the estuaries...

I must admit, there was a poor turnout at the King Hotel on Saturday 28th October for our 60th Anniversary celebration. If PAA member, Oliver Birch and his wife can make the effort to drive all the way from Gloucester, then surely there's no excuse for us locals! The members that did attend enjoyed and helped raise over £150 for the club. Thank you to all involved – especially life member, Dennis Yarnold for collating information for our Chairmans Eifion Williams' speech.



Lyn Davies  
Editor/Secretary

## Where's the car park?

It has been brought to the Committee's attention that a number of members are not sure of the exact location of our Tyn-y-Cerrig car park.

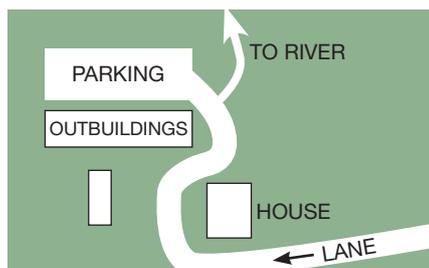
To help explain, please see the photograph and map shown below. If necessary, club bailiff, Gary Lewis has kindly offered to take any unsure members to the car park. Gary can be contacted on 07779 837294.



## Gelligion Farm – Llanedi

Successful negotiations have taken place for the parking of up to 3 cars.

Please see the location map below:



## Carmarthenshire Fishermens Federation (CFF)

We are currently in the process of completing an application form to become members of the CFF.

Hopefully, next year, Committee members will be attending meetings to discuss the future of our West Wales rivers. We will keep you informed.

## Catch returns for 2006

Please ensure that you complete your returns before 31st December 2006. (See attached form).

## 2006 Member count: 105

## 60th Anniversary

A big thank you to all who donated prizes for the raffle!

## Save the best until last

Congratulations to Dennis Yarnold on catching an 11lb and 7lb Salmon from our Lampeter stretch of the Teifi – on 17th October (the last day of the season)!

I understand that Dennis took the fish on a Silver Mepps Comet with blue spots (but don't tell anyone).

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## Out and About

### Kayaking – the next big craze for us fishermen?



Well, I've done it. I've invested in a fishing kayak. The temptation proved too much. I'd be balancing on a rock down the Gower, casting a fly, when a couple of kayaks would paddle past and I'd always think – that looks good fun!

Following some extensive research, I eventually opted for an Ocean Prowler 13 (Angler's Edition). As the name suggests, this 'boat' is 13ft long and has some factory fitted editions aimed at the angler. These include, two flush mounted rod holders, a tackle box holder and a detachable back rest. It really is the tool for the job, although it does prove a bit of a 'lump' to carry around weighing in at 26kgs – but you do get used to it.

Sensibly, I've been 'cutting my teeth' on the relatively sheltered Oxwich Bay. Safety is the number one priority – the sea is a dangerous place, especially if you're not used to the tides, swells and currents.

I've discovered that kayak fishing is seriously addictive. There's something special about bobbing up and down with the waves looking towards the shoreline. You gain access to those 'difficult to get to' places, learn about the sea and the tides, as well as keeping fit.

I'm yet to hit into a Bass (or anything else decent), but I was lucky enough to stumble across a huge shoal of Mackerel one night at Oxwich bay – they loved my Clouser Minnow!

If anyone is interested in trying out a kayak, I'd be more than pleased to meet you down the Gower for a couple of hours. By the spring I will hopefully be the proud owner of two kayaks – safety in numbers!

## Tiddlers 50/50 winners

**June:** Tree & Gubb – Pontarddulais (no.23)

**July:** Mrs. D, Morgan – Loughor (no.3)

**August:** Mr. Adrian Thomas – Pontarddulais (no.50)



## for the winter...

**Go for the Grayling.** It may be out of season for the Salmon and Trout, but the winter is the season for the 'Lady of the stream'. Find out about the Rivers Taff, Ewenny and Wye if you fancy your chances.